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BIG REVAMP IN STORE FOR CITY

THE Mander Centre is due to undergo a huge transformation, which will see a new department store created, rumoured to be Debenhams.

Bosses have announced a 'major' department store could open in the shopping centre but have so far remained tight-lipped over who it would be.

Report by Will Ackermann

Three new shop units and eight new kiosks will also be created at the shopping centre, which is at the heart of the city centre, under plans which were due to be unveiled to the public yesterday.

Plans also include replacing 39 small units with 11 new ones, while the lower Central Arcade could also close. Lifts and escalators would also be relocated and shop fronts extended to make them more visible from a distance.

Benefit

Shopping centre bosses say the proposed new department store would take over the three- floor unit where HomeLiving currently stands, formerly home to TJ Hughes.

Debenhams, which was due to come to the city as part of the failed Summer Row development, said it was 'continuing to investigate opportunities in the city'. But they would not confirm if it was part of the plans.

The opening of a new department store would create new jobs and the shopping centre would remain open throughout the development. Plans are subject to a consultation.

Centre director Nicholas Pitt said the plans would help bring the shopping centre up to modern standards.

He said: "It's very exciting for us and any reconfiguration will be for the benefit of customers going forward."

He added: "It is incredibly positive for our tenants, our customers and everyone as a whole."

It is hoped the plans will be in place by 2017 but bosses have stressed they are subject to change.

Artists'impressions were due to go on display in the unit outside New Look, on the ground floor of the shopping centre.

Comments

Developers and architects will be there to discuss the plans with shoppers between 3pm and 6pm tomorrow. Visitors will be able to write comments in a log book.

Mr Pitt said: "We don't want people to think we are steamrolling through. This is part of a process and Wednesday's consultation is a part of the process."

Pat McFadden, MP for Wolverhampton South East, added: "I think everybody knows the retail offer in the city centre has to be improved .

"I very much welcome investment in one of the two key shopping centres in the city centre and I hope this investment results in a more attractive place to shop."

Artist's impression of how the Mander Centre, Wolverhampton, would look after the renovations

Hundreds take part in Margot donor day

Operation – Margot

THEY wore bows in their hair and even the men had their nails painted pink.

It was all to support a little girl who has stolen the hearts of thousands of people across the world.

An event called 'Swab for Margot Day' was held at the Mount Hotel in Tettenhall Wood on Sunday to get more people signed up to the blood cell donor list.

Wolves legend Steve Bull was among the 400 people who attended to see if they could help other families in a similar situation to that of young Margot.

Campaign

Margot Martini's battle with leukaemia has been seen by millions on social networking sites as the campaign team driving the message of 'delete blood cancer' have told of her bravery battling a rare form of leukaemia.

The 18-month-old's condition is so rare that doctors say they have only seen three types of such cases in 10 years but earlier this month a matching donor was found and Margot underwent treatment on Friday at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London.

Her parents, Yaser and Vicki, who grew up in Essington, must now wait to see if the treatment will be successful.

Hospital may be forced to pay fines

NEW Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton and the University Hospital of North Staffordshire, Stoke may have to pay unlimited fines for 'wholly avoidable' deaths at Stafford Hospital when they take over.

Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust, which is set to be dissolved, has admitted 'widespread failings' which led to the death of 66-year-old Gillian Astbury in April 2007 after nurses failed to give her insulin.

Nurses were 'set up to fail' as result of 'no effective management oversight and control,' Stafford Crown Court heard.

The trust is facing two other prosecutions over deaths at the Weston Road hospital but is likely not to be in existence if and when the cases come to court.

Prosecutor Mr Bernard Thorogood indicated that any fines payable after the trust was dissolved would be the responsibilty of whoever takes over its services.

"If it does happen the responsibility of the liability of the defendent will migrate to any new trusts that take the hospitals of this trust," he said.

Under proposals the University Hospital of North Staffordshire would take over Stafford Hospital and the Royal Wolverhampton Trust take over Cannock.

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Cuts-council may outsource care

SOME social care services could be outsourced by Wolverhampton City Council as it battles to save £123 million over the next five years.

Around 500 staff could be affected by the move. Proposals will be presented to the council's cabinet bosses at a meeting on March 4.

Staff were told of the proposals, which could affect some services for older people, children and young people, as well as a number of mental health and disability services.

Bosses stressed it was still a proposal but insisted it was not a case of 'wielding the axe'. They say it is about providing social care services in a different, more cost-effective way.

But they said other options had to be looked at as the council faces rising demand in the face of Government cuts. Councillor Steve Evans, cabinet boss for adult services, said: "We are experiencing rising demand for social care services, particularly those for older adults as a result of our ageing population

"This is at a time when the council is also facing an unprecedented financial challenge due to Government cuts."

Options

Wolverhampton City Council says it has looked at a 'wide variety' of options for services included in the proposals and has spoken to other local authorities which have developed alternative delivery models for services.

It comes just days after the council revealed it would be cutting 2,000 jobs – 1,000 more than initially expected.

Children and families boss Councillor Val Gibson added: "It is clear that, despite our very best efforts, we cannot make savings of £123m – on top of the £100m we have saved over the last five years – by delivering further efficiencies and through good housekeeping alone.

"We need to consider making fundamental changes to the way we deliver our services if we are to meet both increasing demand and the financial challenge we face.

"We are determined that any changes we make to our in-house services do not compromise our service users and that they continue to receive the highest quality of care possible."

Work closes off square

A BUSY part of a city centre will be closed to vehicles for another week.

Queen Square in Wolverhampton will be closed to buses and taxis until March 9 to allow Severn Trent Water to carry out repairs to a damaged sewer.

The road is usually only open to buses, taxis and private hire firms. These will be diverted along Stafford Street, ring road St Peter's and Waterloo Road. Once completed repairs will then move on to nearby Victoria Street for four weeks.

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Complaints lead to £500K ward refurb

MORE than £500,000 is being spent on refurbishing a gynaecology ward after complaints were made about its condition.

New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton is undertaking the work. It has regularly fallen short of infection prevention standards as the ward is too old and doesn't comply with current standards.

The refurbishment of the ward has been delayed due to the trust's 'changing priorities', a report said. It was originally earmarked that the whole ward would be refurbished.

However as bosses at New Cross are looking at expanding the building, it has been decided to partially refurbish it for now to bring the unit up to standard.

The refurbishment will include upgrading facilities to meet infection standards, building new consulting rooms and a reception area, replacing flooring and repainting walls. Staff changing facilities, toilets and bathrooms will also be approved as part of the work, which will cost £550,000 in total.

A report which will go before the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust's board this week highlights the inefficiencies of the current ward. It says: "The directorate has also received a number of informal complaints relating to the environment of the gynaecology ward. The ward regularly fails infection prevention audits as the ward is old and does not comply with current standards.

"Work will be undertaken to address the infection prevention issues raised throughout the ward to include flooring, walls and other areas highlighted."

The ward provides 'poor quality accommodation' in comparison to others, the report added.

Dilemma for health trust on £26m cuts

THE trust which runs New Cross Hospital will have to make £26 million of savings next year, it can be revealed.

Finance bosses at the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust must save a minimum of £15m a year as part of huge nationwide NHS cuts.

But the trust, which runs the Wolverhampton hospital, is falling drastically short of its target in the current financial year and will carry £11m over into next year's savings.

It comes as bosses fund a new £28m emergency centre, due to open in winter 2015. The trust said it was a 'major risk' carrying so much money over to next year.

All hospital trusts have to save four per cent from their budgets as NHS bosses look to save £20billion by next year.

Pressure

This year the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust set itself a target of saving £21m - including £6m carried over from 2012/13. But in the next financial year on 2014/15 this will be even higher, with £26m needed to be found. Of this year's £21m, the trust has so far found just £12m.

Reports which go before board members at a meeting this week say that failing to hit targets this year is a 'major issue' as it will put increased pressure on next year's budget.

Details of where the savings will be made will be revealed in the next two months as the 2014/15 budgets are outlined. But finance chiefs say they have already identified where £22m of the £26m will come from.

Planning and contracting chief Maxine Espley said: "All NHS trusts and foundation trusts are expected to deliver a national efficiency target of four per cent each year."

More A&E beds but no extra jobs

NEW Cross Hospital's under-pressure A&E unit will be almost doubled to take on extra patients from Stafford and staff will have to work longer hours to cope with demand.

Health chiefs have formulated the plan to ease strain on Stafford Hospital. It will see extra nurses moved to Stafford from the University Hospital of North Staffordshire.

And New Cross will add 15 new beds to the 19 it currently has in its accident and emergency department. It has seen extra demand from patients living in Staffordshire due to reduced opening hours at Stafford Hospital's accident and emergency department.

However the Wednesfield-based hospital will not take on any new staff itself, with current employees expected to work longer hours and different shift times. The old admissions ward, currently empty, will house the new beds.

Chief executive of the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, David Loughton, said: "It is important that we all work together to ensure safe care for patients."

New home is just so classy

Headteacher Tina Gibbon with pupils Evie Davies and Jack Evans at Wilkinson Primary

PUPILS and staff at a primary school that was torched by arsonists are delighted to have finally settled into their new building.

Children at Wilkinson Primary School, in Bilston, have had to make do with mobile cabins on their playing fields ever since the attack in 2010. They now have 16 new classrooms, six half-sized support rooms and three communal areas used for cooking, art and IT classes – making the premises twice its original size.

Headteacher Tina Gibbon said: "They were so excited when we re-opened. They were just thrilled to be in the building. It's just complete happiness."

Teachers worked with architects to design the rebuild, which cost £8.2 million. Ms Gibbon said it had given the children more room for a better learning environment. The school on Walter Road was completely destroyed in the arson attack in 2010. The culprits were never caught.

Appeal as number of young in care up

FOSTER carers or adoptive parents are being urged to come forward as more than 60 children a month are being taken into care.

Wolverhampton City Council is looking for families, singles or couples, who can offer temporary homes or adoption for particularly older children and siblings.

Councillor Val Gibson, Wolverhampton City Council's Cabinet Member for Children and Families, said: "Nationally more children are coming into care, partly because of a raised awareness of safeguarding following terrible cases like that of Daniel Pelka, and also because of the economic downturn, which is leading to more family breakdowns."

Despite the councils efforts to ensure a child can stay with their own families it is not always possible.

There are more than 200 foster families in Wolverhampton but there is still a shortage. The council are offering a six month "Buddy support" system where new foster families can be supported by experienced carers.

Anyone interested can call Wolverhampton City Council on 01902 551133.

Mud trap girl is pulled free

A TEENAGER had to be rescued by firefighters after becoming stuck up to her waist in mud.

The 14-year-old girl was at Northycote Farm in Bushbury. She had been out with her mother and two siblings walking their dog when she got trapped next to a brook that runs through the farm's surrounding woodland.

It is believed she had initially been trapped up to her ankles but began to sink as she tried to free herself.

Firefighters took up to 15 minutes to free the girl. She was treated by medics as a precautionary measure.

Art of portraits

A FOUR-week course on portrait drawing and painting will begin next week at Wolverhampton's art gallery in Lichfield Street.

They are an introduction into drawing and painting portraits. It costs £100 for the four-week-course with the first on March 8.

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Bikers in garden fork attack on trader

TWO men– one armed with a garden fork– assaulted a shopkeeper in an attempted robbery at a village store.

The men pulled up on a scrambler-type motorbike before entering Hill Street Grocery, in Essington.

The shopkeeper was assaulted in the attack but was not seriously injured. Nothing was stolen from the shop and the men fled empty-handed.

The scrambler motorbike had a white mudguard and was a loud, stroke two type with no number plate. Both men were white and in their late teens or early 20s and had full face helmets.

The main rider had a mirrored visor which was purple and blue and was around 6ft tall and was wearing a black bomber-type jacket. Detectives have launched an investigation.

Councillor David Clifft, representative for Essington, said he believed it was the second time the shop had been targeted.

"I feel for the people who run the shop and because of the fact this is the second time," he said.

He said is to hold a meeting with businesses in the area to discuss the possibility of a surveillance system being put in place.

Parking curb plan for park

NEW parking restrictions could come into force around a Wolverhampton park after a public consultation drew to a close.

The restrictions would affect two areas in Park Road West and Park Road East between Summerfield Road and Park Crescent near to the city's West Park.

Last year residents and park visitors handed a petition to the city council claiming there were not parking spaces available.

Under the plan limited waiting restrictions would be put in place on around 60 parking spaces from 9am-2pm, Monday to Friday.

Homes power cut

MORE than 2,000 homes were hit by a power cut.

Lights went out in Wolverhampton just after 9pm on Monday in Penn, Compton, Claregate, Warstones and Tettenhall were all affected. Western Power Distribution said they did not know the cause.

Rap over £100k bus lane cameras drive

Bus Lane at Stafford Road, Wolverhampton

INSTALLING cameras to catch and fine drivers illegally using bus lanes will cost a cash-strapped council £100,000.

Wolverhampton City Council expects to raise £250,000 for itself in fines as it tries to cope with £123 million worth of cuts, which will result in 2,000 job losses.

The council is going to install cameras at 22 bus lanes and gates, such as the A449 Stafford Road and Stafford Street, Willenhall Road and Wednesfield Road.

But bosses have stressed the money will be ploughed back into the road network and help to cover the cost of filling in potholes and other maintenance.

It is not yet known how much the fines will be but Birmingham City Council charges £60 a time and more than 80,000 drivers have been caught since a camera scheme was introduced last September.

Business leaders said they would rather see bus lanes scrapped altogether to get traffic moving. The city council is also planning to now charge them to remove graffiti.

Henry Carver, chairman of the Wolverhampton Business Group, said: "People who drive cars in bus lanes are breaking the law so I can understand why the council would act to enforce this.

"But it isn't good driving along busy roads such as Wednesfield Road and Willenhall Road with cars only allowed to use one lane. It would help the city if the bus lanes were just removed."

Sham Sharma, chairman of the Wolverhampton Business Forum, added: "It doesn't help traffic or the environment to have bus lanes that leave cars sitting in queues."

He also criticised plans to charge businesses to remove graffiti. Councillor Roger Lawrence, leader of Wolverhampton City Council, said: "We will still be removing graffiti but asking property owners to pay something towards it.

Handyman service is now spared from council cuts

A HANDYMAN service for pensioners and disabled people will continue despite deep cuts in council funding after a council pledge to find a way to save it.

Wolverhampton City Council revealed that its grant to fund the service for home improvements runs out at the end of March and is not being renewed faced with £123 million worth of cuts.

This will mean 2,000 job losses across the council's services but the authority has now said it will find a way of keeping the handyman service going.

The cuts come amid a loss of funding for pensioners' keep fit and yoga classes and the end of a quarterly newsletter. Collectively the cuts in 'preventative services' will save £140,000.

The Handy Person service, which is being run by Wolverhampton City Council and its housing company Wolverhampton Homes, is offered to residents aged over 60 and registered disabled or in receipt of income-related benefits.

Security

An initial pilot scheme was opened and due to end in March, but funding has now been found within another council pot.

It provides draft proofing, furniture moving, stair rails installed, loose cables, floorboards and carpets dealing with, small plumbing jobs and better security.

Councillor Peter Bilson, Wolverhampton City Council's deputy leader, said: "We can reassure residents that this scheme is not ending in March and they will continue to benefit from the service."

It is also fighting to save Central Baths and Bantock House by them run more like businesses.

Intruder theory as blaze hits derelict pub

AN investigation is under way after part of a pub was destroyed in a suspected arson attack.

The blaze at The Neachells Pub in Wolverhampton broke out in the early hours of Saturday morning. Fire crews were called to the venue on the corner of Neachells Lane and Willenhall Road at around 2am.

It is believed an intruder broke into the pub and set fire to the premises with the main area hit on the first floor of the derelict building.

Around 80 per cent of the first floor was damaged in the fire leading to part of it collapsing. In total 20 firefighters were drafted in to tackle the blaze.

The Neachells Pub shut suddenly in June last year just weeks after its car park was the scene of an attack where a 53-year-old man was left in hospital with a serious head injury.

It was put on the market by Enterprise Inns and One Stop, which is run by Tesco, had expressed an interest in possible taking over the site.

Friends' close shave for Sullivan

Sullivan Chandler (centre) and friends and family who all had their heads shaved for him

FRIENDS of a teenage boy who was due to undergo major surgery have taken part in a charity head shave to raise money for the hospital where he is being treated.

Fifteen-year-old Sullivan Chandler is having a tumour removed from his forehead at Birmingham Children's Hospital. To show their support his friends came up with the fundraising drive which raised more than £1,000.

A total of 27 people took part to show their support for Sullivan, who will have to have his own head shaved for the operation. The 15-year-old discovered he had the tumour in April last year.

Sullivan's father, Mark, said he was very proud of his son's friends. He said: "It was their idea. He's in his last year at school and he's a very popular lad, so it's really nice to see his friends doing something to support him.

"He's going to miss most of this year of school now due to his operation but it's nice that his friends have had their head shaved for him.

"I think it was his friend Mitchell Stokely who had come up with the idea, but there was quite a few of them who had been organising it even before their parents got involved."

Mr Chandler said it was amazing that the whole community had come together to support his son. More than 100 people attended the True Briton Pub in Ashmore Park, where three local hairdressers were on hand to shave the heads.

Mr Chandler said: "It's absolutely fantastic. The whole community has come together.

NEWS in brief

Jobs concern at village taxi firm

UP to 40 drivers' jobs could be at risk at a Codsall taxi firm.

Codsall Cars has had its phone numbers and vehicles taken over by Wolverhampton-based firm Centre Cars. It is thought Centre Cars will be using its own drivers to cover the Codsall area.

Workers at Codsall Cars say they have been told they won't be given back pay by the previous owners of the firm.

Centre Cars stressed it had not taken over the whole of the company.

Police red card for the beggars

POLICE are targeting the subway by Molineux stadium and the walkway by the train station in a crackdown on aggressive begging in Wolverhampton.

The local neighbourhood policing team have increased uniform and plain clothes operations.

The move comes after a rise in complaints from the public helped to pinpoint specific areas and times the beggars operate in.But the recent bad weather has cut the number of drunks in the streets, which had been another bug bear.

Dance date with new radio station

A NEW community radio station is launching this week.The City, Wolverhampton will hit the airwaves on Saturday.

Former Heart FM and BRMB presenter Paul Bryant has signed up to present a Dancing in the City show, which will run every Saturday between 7-9pm.

People can listen to the show at www.liveinthecity.co.uk

Lining up for a CAB fundraiser

A CHARITY line dance will be held to raise money for Wolverhampton Citizens Advice Bureau.

It will take place at The Pavilion, Stafford Road, on March 7 from 7.30pm and tickets are £7 in advance.

The event will be attended by country singer Tony Rouse. To book call 01902 754358 or 01902 735254.

Specials' city date

THE Specials have announced a gig at Wolverhampton Civic Hall.

The ska legends famous for songs such as Ghost Town and Too Much Much Too Young, will be performing on November 20.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

A READER is troubled by the British Gas advert offering "unlimited" call-outs to fix your broken boiler. He says: "It doesn't say much for the quality of the plumbers they employ, does it?" He's got a point. What is the difference between unlimited call-outs and one flaming call-out after another?

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FORTY religious leaders condemn government welfare policy and the numbers relying on food banks, and reap a rich crop of headlines ("Bishops Slam Cam Over UK's Hunger Crisis" - Daily Mirror). It is a puzzle of this cheerfully godless age of ours that we still pay attention to the views of people whose only claim to authority is being far more superstitious than the rest of us.

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DAVID Miranda this week lost his High Court case claiming he had been unlawfully detained at Heathrow while carrying computer files for his partner, Guardian journalist Glenn Greenwald. Miranda says he will appeal "and keep appealing to the end," and he probably will. A High Court case and subsequent appeals would bankrupt most folk but there always seems to be a bottomless pot of money for people fighting cases such as this. And six months after the incident, we still don't know what Miranda was doing at Heathrow in the first place. His mission was to get from Berlin to his home in Brazil. He could have taken any number of direct flights. Instead, bizarrely, he flew into one of only two countries in the world (the other being the United States) where he was likely to be detained. The flight was arranged and paid for by the Guardian. Amid all the tub-thumping about national security and press freedom, we are not being told even half of this story.

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IF I were a conspiracy theorist I might think the Guardian brought Miranda to Heathrow as part of a win-win operation. If he gets nicked you have a great story about the UK authorities attacking press freedom. If he doesn't get nicked, you have a great story about tens of thousands of confidential files slipping in and out of the country under the noses of bungling cops. Gosh, what an old cynic I am.

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WITH the row over keeping the pound and losing EU membership, the Scottish independence debate was looking like one of those deliciously civilised divorces when the couple are determined to stay friends. She wants the Volvo? No problem. He wants the piano? Be my guest. And then suddenly you hit a raw point. The civilised smiles vanish. Spitting, snarling fury takes over. What's that? You'd like the dog, too? Over my dead body, you greedy cow. But the longer this saga drags on, the more you realise it isn't like a divorce at all. A married couple is made up of two separate bodies but Scotland and England are hard-wired into each other. We share the same blood, muscle and sinews. Independence is like separating a pair of conjoined twins. Given enough time and clever, skilled surgeons, it might be done with both twins surviving. But time is running out and we don't see much skill or cleverness, just a lot of posturing and waving of claymores. This could get very bloody indeed.

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A READER enquires: "Does the chairman of a fishing club have the casting vote?"

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A GREAT little documentary on BBC World Service told how the locals looted (or "saved," as they put it) the cargo of whisky from SS Politician, a cargo ship which sank in 1941 off the Scottish island of Eriskay. The plundering of thousands of cases of single malt was the basis of the book and film Whisky Galore! and has been told many times. But the radio documentary reveals that some islanders were so "under the influence," as one old chap put it, that they forgot where they had buried it. It's still up there . . .

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Potholes problem but city fares well

THOUSANDS of potholes have opened up across the Midlands after a combination of heavy rain and frost battered roads for a second successive winter.

Councils are increasing the number of road repairs they are carrying out as reports of problems from motorists continue to rise.

Wolverhampton City Council has already had more than 300 reports of potholes this winter, while Worcester County Council has earmarked £700,000 for repairs.The state of the roads in the area has worsened following the record levels of rainfall since the start of 2014.

However, in Wolverhampton and Dudley, the number of reported potholes is around the same, or even less, than last year.

Wolverhampton City Council has had 306 reports of potholes this year, 99 less than at this time last year, while Dudley councillor Khurshid Ahmed said there was a similar number to last year in the borough.

Permanent

Paul Brown, a spokesman for Wolverhampton City Council, said: "Despite the very wet weather, this is actually around a quarter less than the same period last year, when we received reports of 407 potholes.

"Our highways maintenance teams have been working hard and have repaired around 80 per cent of these potholes. The remainder will be repaired as soon as possible.

"Wolverhampton City Council has a policy of carrying out permanent repairs first time around, wherever possible, rather than completing a temporary repair followed by a permanent repair at a later date."

Campaigners hit at 'fit-for-work' tests

CAMPAIGNERS from the Black Country joined a national protest over the Government's 'fit-for-work' tests.

More than 140 protests were staged across the country last week including one outside Atos assessment centre in Wolverhampton.

The disability rights campaigners were expressing their concern at the number of people who they say have been forced back into work after the Government introduced tougher health checks.

by Jon Pritchard

The checks were introduced in 2008, and government bosses defended the assessment process, saying they have improved since they were introduced. The assessments are carried out by Atos, which has a base in Waterloo Road.

Suffer

Nick Kelleher, secretary of the Wolverhampton Trades Union council, said it has led to people who need benefits to survive to suffer.

He said: "We are not protesting against Atos, we are here against the Government. One of my friends has appealed against the decision to declare him fit for work and he has been waiting a year for it to be done.

"In that time he has had to rely on foodbanks, neighbours passing him food over the fence and from me, lending him money and food.

"It is no way to run a country; having poor people giving out to poorer people."

"People should be assessed on their abilities and needs."

"They should be going after big companies that don't pay their fair share of tax. Since the new guidelines came into force two out of five appeals have seen the decision overturned, so it shows they are not being done right."

Protester Bob Williams Findlay, a Wolverhampton University Equality Training Officer and cerebral palsy sufferer said: "The system used by Atos only measures certain aspects of someone's capability to work.

"Some people with disabilities like me can work but only when a good employer addresses their needs.

A DWP spokesperson said: "We think it's right to see what work people can do with the right support, rather than write people off on out-of-work sickness benefits as sometimes happened in the past."

Tasty award for college

A COLLEGE canteen has been served a top award after putting healthy living on its menu.

The City of Wolverhampton College canteen, at the Paget Road site, is run by catering company Innovate Service. It has now been given a platinum gong in the Wolverhampton Healthy City Awards.

The restaurant was recognised for its food hygiene standards, healthy food and drink options, encouraging physical activity and using energy efficient options. Darren Husted, catering manager said: "This is a testament to the hard work by both the college and my Innovate colleagues."

Matt dives in to collar aid

Matt Nicholls, prepares for his parachute jump in aid of the Retired Greyhound Trust

HE'S used to seeing punters hand over cash at the racetrack but for Matt Nicholls he's hoping this time it's for charity when he takes the plunge for a good cause.

The 21-year-old who works at Monmore Green Stadium in Wolverhampton is to leap 13,000ft from the skies in aid of charity.

Mr Nicholls, from Willenhall, will take part in the Fall for Hounds Event'in Peterborough in June to raise funds for The Retired Greyhound Trust (RGT). The event is the brainchild of Sky TV presenter and RGT supporter Julie Collier.

Mr Nicholls has worked at the track for three-and-a-half-years, says friends and colleagues think he's brave to take the plunge.

To sponsor him you can visit his fundraising page www.justgiving.com/mattfallforhounds or you can donate by text, simply text RDOG99 and the amount to 70070.

Signing up for uni army platoon

STUDENTS and staff are being urged to sign up to a new army platoon which is being set up by the University of Wolverhampton.

The educational establishment is to become one of the first in the country to offer army training.

It will see those who sign up made members of the Army Reserve, formally known as the Territorial Army.

That could see them called up for action if needed by the regular army.

Free basic army training will be offered to students and staff aged between 18 and 43. And the 'recruits' will be paid £424 a year, increasing to £1,674 after five years.

Develop

Bosses at the university have been working with 143 (West Midlands) Brigade and 4 Mercian Regiment to develop the platoon. They told potential recruits that the training would develop every aspect of their lives.

Training will take place in evenings and weekends with a two-week annual army camp.

As well as basic Army training, recruits will learn military skills.

Safety check on blankets

PEOPLE are invited to get their electric blankets tested by fire experts in special safety checks.

Free sessions are due to take place in Wolverhampton during the next few weeks.

Fire crews have joined forces with Age UK Wolverhampton to offer the tests. Anyone aged over 50 is invited to attend. Firefighters will also be available to take referrals for home safety checks as part of fire prevention measures.

A session will be held at Tettenhall Fire Station in Regis Road on Wednesday, March 12.

MS cash tonic

A CHARITY which offers therapy to MS sufferers has received a cash boost thanks to a group of car enthusiasts. Members of the Wolverhampton and South Staffs Car Club presented the Wolverhampton MS Therapy Centre with a cheque for £913.

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Decision on casino is due in summer

A DECISION over who will run a new casino set to be opened in the West Midlands will be made by the summer.

Wolverhampton Racecourse and Casino 36, who run Rubicon Casino in Temple Street, Wolverhampton have been battling it out for the one new small casino licence which the city council is allowed to grant.

The authority was one of 16 bodies given the right by Parliament to grant a licence in 2008.

The two companies will now be subject to scrutiny from by the council's evaluation panel.

A report will then be prepared and presented to the Licensing Committee in the June, where the licence will be awarded to the successful company.

Councillor Peter Bilson, Wolverhampton City Council's cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "I am delighted we are getting closer to awarding the casino licence and we have two strong bids to consider.

"As well as enhancing the leisure offer we have here in Wolverhampton, a new development such as this will provide extra regeneration benefits to our city – such as the creation of new jobs."

Inquest opens on canal man

AN inquest has opened into the death of a'kind-hearted and funny man' who was found dead in a canal in Wolverhampton.

The body of 64-year-old William Brittain was found floating in the canal in Horseley Fields, an inquest at Smethwick Council House has heard.

Deputy coroner for the Black Country Angus Smillie adjourned the inquest until May 20 for investigations and a post mortem to be concluded.

His family recently paid tribute to the 'kind hearted' father-of-two who kept pigeons, chickens and rabbits.

What a beauty

AN international beauty company with more than 1,000 hair-removal centres across worldwide is opening in Wolverhampton. No+Vello franchisees Chris Bourne and Matt Brown, both from Wombourne, are opening in the former Penny Farthing shop in King Street.

The passenger now dripping at platform one

IT is the main gateway to a city used by more than four million people each year, but Wolverhampton railway station is under fire after commuters complained about getting soaked by water from a leaking roof.

Sections of the barrage boards around the canopy covering platform one at the train station have deteriorated to such an extent that station bosses admit paintwork is peeling off the underside of the roof.

But there is confusion over who, if anyone will carry out the repair work.

Tom Stokes, aged 29, from Wolverhampton, who uses the station regularly, said he wrote to station operator Virgin Trains last year to ask them to mend the roof. "I waited nearly two months for a response," he said. "They eventually told me Network Rail was responsible.

"The roof has got worse since then and on my last visit earlier this week water was leaking through and dripping on to my head."

Bosses at Virgin Trains now say the responsibility for repairs to the near 50-year-old station lies with both them and Network Rail.

Sarah Fernandes-Macmillan, spokesperson for Virgin Trains, said: "We are working closely with our colleagues at Network Rail to ensure a speedy resolution to the leaking roof at Wolverhampton.

"We thank our customers for their patience during this time but hope they understand that the recent stormy weather has presented many challenges around the network."

However, bosses at Network Rail say they have no plans to repair the leaking roof after a structural engineer visited the site to survey the damage.

Sarah McArdle, spokesperson for Network Rail, said: "The buildings engineer has been to the station to try to establish which paint-work is being referred to.

"After walking round platform one and the rest of the station there are areas with paintwork which is deteriorating including soffit and barge boards around the canopy.

"This is of a cosmetic nature rather than that offering protection to structural steel or timber. Generally, work of this aesthetic nature is carried out at the same time as other significant work at the station is required.

"We do not plan works and not for aesthetic reasons only. Our engineers prioritise our maintenance programmes and activities in line with our safety obligations and financial limitations.

Sack for two nurses who locked out patient on patio

TWO nurses who locked a mentally ill patient out of a hospital have been sacked, health bosses have revealed.

Julia Porter and Akosua Aboagye were working at Penn Hospital, Wolverhampton when they left the patient on a patio, locking the door. They closed the curtains and left him there for 50 minutes.

Bosses carried out a full investigation and dismissed both nurses for gross misconduct.

A Nursing and Midwifery Council recently heard that the man – referred to as Patient A – was rescued by Inpatient Matron Heidi Carter who heard him banging and shouting for help.

The nurses in question claimed the ward was understaffed and that this was a contributory factor.

However the Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust maintained there was an appropriate number of staff on duty that day and there was 'no justification for the mistreatment of a vulnerable patient'.

Deborah Mason, director of mental health services, said: "The patient was seriously let down by these two nurses." Both nurses admitted he should have been taken to his bedroom, the recent NMC hearing in London was told.

Senior staff nurse Aboagye said in a statement: "Although violently and physically aggressive, the patient should not have been locked outside in the courtyard."

Both nurses received official cautions that will remain on their records for three years but can continue to work in the profession.

Last November health chiefs from the Care Quality Commission visited the Penn Road-based hospital and staff were praised for their care and attention to patients.

Train price hike hits the Wolves supporters

WOLVES fans are being further hit in the pocket after train fares more than tripled for the trip to MK Dons.

A social media campaign pushed for the Bedfordshire club to offer Wolves 10,000 tickets to the away game.

The club have been given an initial 6,500 tickets and tickets from train operator Virgin have shot up by nearly 600 per cent for trains to Bletchley, the nearest station to the MK ground.

A ticket to Bletchley from Wolverhampton the week before cost just £6, with the return journey the same. But on the day of the match, March 29, the tickets cost £37.20 each, with a return ticket available for £38.20.

It still means fans who wish to make their own way to the stadium will be forking out an extra £26 to get to the game. Coach travel through the club costs £16.

Ken Gibbs, for Virgin Trains, said the tickets for the trains were selling quickly, which explains why the prices were high.

Poppy pals get down to knitty gritty

Janine Fletcher, who has been busy knitting poppies for the Grand Theatre, during a Knitters and Knatters group

A COMMUNITY group has got down to the knitty gritty in helping a Wolverhampton theatre production come to life next month.

Tipton Library's Knitters and Natters group have knitted special poppies which will be used as props in a poignant community-based show at the Grand Theatre.

The show, Zeppelin Dreams, explores the tragic events of 100 years ago when a huge Graf Zeppelin airship dropped its bombs on Wolverhampton. The airship was bound for docks in Liverpool but got lost in fog. English Touring Opera has joined forces with the Grand Theatre and Wolverhampton Music Education Hub to present the opera and nine community groups are helping to stage it.

It is the first of its kind since 2007 when groups produced successful show A House on the Moon.

Kate Evans, spokeswoman for the Grand Theatre, said everyone hugely appreciated their efforts in helping furnish poppy props for the show.

"They very kindly invited us to use their poppies," she said. "We've worked closely with a lot of community groups, but in particular Tipton Library. It's a testament to the extent of this community project.

Bosses at the Grand have worked with amateur historian Derek Nicholls from the library, who has helped research the history of the Zeppelin bombing from an extensive collection of archive material. Staff from the library have been invited to see the show, which takes place on March 20-21.

NEWS in brief

Fresh outlook for Free Radio DJ

A POPULAR radio presenter has announced he is to leave his role on Free Radio after more than two decades in the industry.

Nigel Freshman, better known as Fresh, has been a breakfast presenter with the station for 17 years and been with the firm for 24 years.

He currently presents Free Radio's breakfast show with Cat James in the station's Oldbury home. Free Radio, known before as Beacon, was previously based on Tettenhall. Road, Wolverhampton.

College football tables score £25k

FOOTBALL tables at a college in the Midlands have raised more than £25,000 for charity in the last 10 years.

Tables are provided at the Students' Union at the City of Wolverhampton College. They are in the cafes at the college's Paget Road and Wellington Road campuses.

Games cost 20p each and half of the amount is received by the college's Students Union, raising £25,242 since 2003. This has been donated to national and local charities.

Easter fair way to drum up support

SMALL businesses and charities are being invited to drum up support at an Easter fair.

Wolverhampton's inaugural Easter Market Big Bonanza, organised by Nsoromma Business Management company, will give businesses the chance to promote themselves. It is at Wednesfield High School on Easter Bank Holiday weekend.

Funeral deal to mark partnership

TWO organisations which help provide funeral planning for older people are celebrating a 25-year collaboration.

Age UK South Staffordshire and Dignity are celebrating their long running partnership.

Any customers that buy an Age UK funeral plan before March 30 will get £25 off the price.

Budgies rescued

TWO budgies were rescued from a flat fire. The birds were carried to safety by firefighters, after an electrical fault sparked a blaze in a ground floor flat in Leverton Rise, off Stafford Road, in Wolverhampton.

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IN MY VIEW

WITH MARK ANDREWS

SO, the men's curling team failed to make gold at the Winter Olympics.

Truth be told, I was a little surprised, I would have thought if there was any sport the British should be good at, it would involve young men in orange jump suits sweeping up stones with a brush.

Or Community Payback, as it is sometimes known.

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MALFUNCTIONING vending machines are right up there with pay-and-display car parks and automated telephone-answering services when it comes to the scourges of modern life.

Their operators rake in a fortune from poor unfortunate individuals who put money into them for no reward, before meekly walking away having decided that a 60p bar of chocolate is not worth going to war over.

Raise a glass, then, to Afghan war veteran Robert McKevitt, who is clearly made of much sterner stuff.

Feeling a snack gap during his shift in a warehouse, he tried to buy a Twix from his work's vending machine.

The machine swallowed his money without delivering the goods, so showing commendable restraint he put another coin in the slot.

Deciding that a more direct approach was needed, he then took a forklift truck to the errant machine, allegedly dropping it six times onto the floor, eventually releasing three Twix bars from the dispenser.

He got the sack, of course, but he did get a free Twix for his trouble.And struck a blow for disgruntled consumers everywhere.

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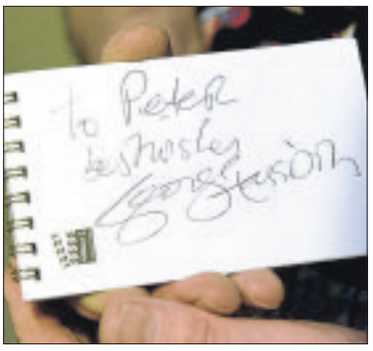
NEXT time political commentators start banging on about the poor turnouts at elections in this country, remember the carnage that is taking place in the Ukraine at the moment and be grateful that the British are so splendidly indifferent.

The Ukraine is a country divided, split down the middle between those who want greater links with what remains of the old USSR, and those who seek closer ties with the European Union.

How people can get so worked up over politics seems ridiculous to us in Britain. But of course, all we have to worry about is which band of London-centric, well-to-do liberal types get the ministerial limos for the next five years, so it is hard to get too excited one way or the other.

By comparison, the choices facing the people of the Ukraine are stark indeed. Half of the people seem to want to be ruled by an unelected, undemocratic empire which will suppress their liberty and stamp out their sovereignty. And the other half want to be ruled by Russia.



A signed message to Pete from George Harrison

Art attack – limited edition artwork of John Lennon

Album cover with the band dressed as butchers

Come Together to hear Fab Four

Peter Dicks has Let It Be known he is dedicated to Beatles memorabilia, as **ROB GOLLEDGE** reports

'KNOCK-KNOCK' – 'who's there?' – 'One Direction' – 'One Direction, Who?' – 'Exactly!' jokes Peter Dicks.

It is a gag not unexpected from a man who for 13 years he has been reaching listeners across the globe as the host of the longest-running dedicated Beatles radio show in Europe – a show recorded in the basement of his semi-detached home in Walsall.

Peter's studio is crammed with every type of Beatles-themed merchandise you could imagine.

Posters, photographs, a toy Yellow Submarine, Fab Four liveried Corgi cars, and wall-to-wall vinyl.

There is a story behind every gem among his hoard. How he obtained it, why it is significant, and why he loves it.

Tenuous

And his own personal story is an incredible one. It started with a chance appearance on a local radio station. Now, he receives correspondence from Beatles fans all over the world and even Christmas cards from Yoko Ono.

But what makes his show unique is that he does not exclusively play The Beatles' tunes. He plays any music with a link, no matter how tenuous, to John, Paul, George, Ringo – even Stuart Sutcliffe and Pete Best.

He will play the music of Bob Dylan - explaining how the American singer-songwriter influenced the four Liverpudlians.

Another show will play Doris Troy because she was signed to The Beatles' Apple Records label and would later go on to work with George Harrison.

Fan and presenter of Beatles and Beyond, Pete Dicks, from Walsall

He's even had guitarist Jackie Lomax, who was signed up to Apple Records and worked with Harrison and Eric Clapton, appear on his show, stay at his home, and play a private gig for him and his wife Janet.

Any connection in any way, Peter is interested.

His own story started in 1999 when he was working for a motoring company in Birmingham and a colleague said he should write to the presenter of a local radio show about record collectors.

"He knew I collected records so said I should write in," he said. "So I wrote to Mike Adams at BBC Radio Shropshire who presented The Record Collectors.

"I was invited in and became a regular and would sometimes find people for them to interview.

"It was through Mike that I met John Lennon's half sister Julia Baird.

"Mike then said he was thinking about starting a radio station in Crewe, Witch FM, and asked would I be interested.

"I said that everything I play has a link to The Beatles - and it became Beatles and Beyond.

"I collected records well before the show. It was not until the mid-60s when classical music was in Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band that I got into The Beatles - and it grew from there."

He records his show every week on equipment in his basement and sends it out to a string of community radio stations - including WCRfm in Wolverhampton and Chase FM in Cannock.

Due to the rise of the internet his show is available for download on iTunes which has seen it picked up by stations across the Pond and is a big hit with listeners in the USA which is currently celebrating 50 years since The Beatles arrived in the States. It is the only radio show to be recommended by The Beatles Story exhibition in Liverpool.

Now, the self-employed agency worker has been asked to help write books, appear at events and represented John Lennon on the BBC 'Greatest Britons' programme with Bill Harry, Paul Gambaccini and Bob Harris in 2002.

Envelope

The 60-year-old's most-cherished possession is a personal autograph to him signed by George Harrisonand his favourite Beatles' tracks include I'm A Walrus and While My Guitar Gently Weeps.

As I sit in Peter's front room above his recording studio, he puts on a CD of the 1 album.

"What is your favourite Beatles song he asks me?"

As I frantically think of something intelligent-sounding to say, I remark that Hey Jude has become intolerable with McCartney reeling it out it seems at every opening of an envelope.

"Do you know about the swearing in Hey Jude?" Peter says excitedly.

"No," I exclaim.

With a cheeky grin he plays the song, turning up the volume at the key moment.

What is it? You will have to try to find it for yourselves.

For more information on Peter and Beatles and Beyond go to www.beatlesandbeyond.homestead.com

THROUGH THE YEARS

1984

A PERTON mother-to-be had an amazing escape when her Mini was crushed beneath the wheels of an articulated lorry. While Lynn Pitt's car was severely damaged outside the Mermaid pub at Wightwick, the 26-year-old escaped with only cuts and bruises.

THERE was a new name in town for Black Country beer lovers, after Ansells announced would be opening a new brewery in the area. The brewing giant formed a new Black Country division called Holt, Plant and Deakin, and said it would be opening a small brewery at its Oldbury headquarters.

FORMER Wolves and England forward Jesse Pye died, aged 62. Pye, who starred alongside Billy Wright and Jimmy Mullen in the all-conquering Wolves sides of the 1950s, scored a hat-trick on his debut after signing for a fee of £10,000 in 1946. He also scored in the 1949 FA Cup final victory over Leicester City.

1994

WOLVERHAMPTON ground to a standstill as the area was hit by unexpected heavy snow. Even the police reduced their car patrols as the borough council admitted it had failed in its efforts to clear the roads.

PRIME Minister John Major admitted he was bewildered by youngsters who bought expensive jeans and then tore holes in them during a visit to a fashion show in the West Midlands.

A ROW broke out after Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean finished a disappointing third at the Winter Olympics in Norway. Ten years earlier, the pair had wowed judges who awarded them a 100 per cent score, but this time they finished behind two Russian duos. A TV poll found that the public thought they had been robbed this time around.

2004

FAMILIES were lining the walls of their homes with tin foil and installing mesh curtains over windows amid health fears over the number of mobile phone masts in the Wolverhampton area. Adam and Nicola Wright, of Essington said they had stripped the wallpaper off the walls of their home and replaced it with foil to protect their children from what they believed were potentially dangerous emissions.

WOLVES legend Bobby Mason unmasked an imposter of the same name who had been opening fetes and attending charity functions in his name. The pensioner had become a local celebrity by posing as the Tipton-born star, who played as inside forward during the club's glory years of the 1950s.

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Cloudy2Clear Windows – Service With A Smile!

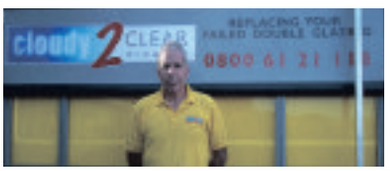
It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

Managing Director Brian Stanley feels that it's all about service. 'Our product is simple. If your double glazing is misted up we can replace the glass at a fraction of the cost of a new window, in any type of frame, and with a new 5 year guarantee. But it's not just about saving people money, although that obviously helps. Many tradespeople have struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times a minority perhaps didn't focus on customer care as much as they should have done.

We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole.'

Cloudy2Clear service Wolverhampton and the surrounding area and Brian is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'

So, if your windows are steamed up, broken or damaged give Brian a call for a free quotation on **0800 61 21 118** and he'll be happy to help!



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NEWS

Secondary school must improve, say inspectors

A SECONDARY school in Wolverhampton has been told it requires improvement in all areas by inspectors.

Coppice Performing Arts School in Wednesfield has been given a rating of three out of four by education watchdog Ofsted.

Inspectors say the school requires improvement in terms of achievement, quality of teaching, behaviour and leadership.

This comes just days after it was announced nearby Wednesfield High School was in special measures after being rated as inadequate.

Ofsted inspectors visited Coppice Performing Arts School, in Ecclestone Road, on January 22 and 23.

It had been rated as good in its last inspection.

Results in maths and science, the quality of teaching and the school's sixth form all require improvement, inspectors said.

Lead inspector Robert Ridout also said: "Too much teaching still requires improvement.

Behaviour

"There is not enough good teaching to raise achievement to consistently good, especially for the most able."

He added: "Time is sometimes wasted in lessons as students' behaviour and attitudes to learning are not always as good as they should be."

But inspectors added students were taught well in drama, dance and music for which the school has a specialism, while achievement was said to be improving quickly in English, foreign languages and humanities.

Mr Ridout added: "Students enjoy school and say they feel safe in school. Bullying is dealt with well.

"Determined leadership from the current headteacher and senior staff has resulted in poor teaching and leadership being addressed."

De-Reece does it again

De-Reece Williams who has won another kickboxing championship

DE-REECE Williams has done it again. The 16-year-old kickboxer from Wednesfield has won the WAKO world championship for the fourth time in a row.

And this year, he also entered the adult category - and almost won.

His mother, Christine Blower, said:"We're so proud of him. We put him in the adult category for a bit of experience but he lost in the final seconds of the final so he did us really proud."

De-Reece won the 16 to 18-year-old category.

"I've won it for the fourth time but it was hard," said De-Reece who goes to St Edmund's Catholic Academy. "There are some really good fighters, so it was difficult. I fought 12 people all on the same day competing in both categories."

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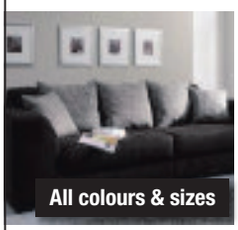

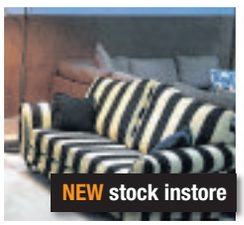

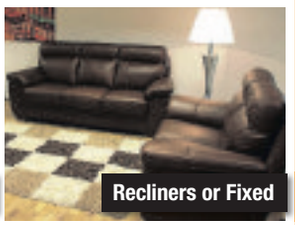

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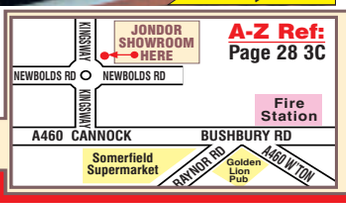

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LETTERS

Developers must take some blame

I agree with the Environmental Agency who suggest developers and buyers of homes in flood plains must take their share of the blame for the flooding crisis.

Planning and drainage authorities are also to blame, being bamboozled by developers' highly-paid consultants who take advantage of using SUD's (Sustainable Urban Drainage systems), but do not consider the state and condition of the existing outfall pipes and culverts and watercourses and rivers. It is all very well not increasing flows to these outfalls but as recent large developments in Shifnal have proven, the existing drainage infrastructure is already inadequate.

Another thing that worries me is the incessant paving of garden areas, generally for extra parking, although planners appear not to activate planning rules on this matter.

P HASSALL
Shifnal

It's time that we had help

NOBODY helps the UK when our own people have disasters, namely the flooding. No help from the EU or any other country in the world.

It's about time Britain received some foreign aid for a change or is it a case of Britain can help themselves.

It's very stressful for our own people who live in flooded areas. So Mr Government concentrate on our own people for once, forget about overseas aid, some countries don't need it.

When there's a disaster in the world Britain is always the first to offer aid.

R OWEN
Bilston

Laws that are rarely enforced

WHAT a pity that so many open spaces in Wolverhampton become the haunt of drunks and drug-takers.

It seems that we have become accustomed to this in the same way that we have become almost tolerant in our expectation that this will happen along with burglary and general anti-social behaviour.

Perhaps we believe that little or nothing can be done about it, but in reality there is no public will, coupled with a soft stance by our justice system that seems divorced from the concerns of everyday people.

We are frequently reminded of the risk involved in tackling criminals where the victims of crime end up in court. This doesn't happen everywhere, of course. Those who holiday abroad will know that in some societies even the dropping of litter will elicit a quick response from local residents.

Here we pass laws that are ineffective and rarely enforced, but beware the good citizen who makes a slip up. You are the one who will feel the effects of the target led, justice system.

M CRUMP
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LETTERS to the Editor

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Help me find info on father

I was born in December 1943 in Wolverhampton and I am trying to trace information about my father.

I never knew him as I was adopted as a baby.

The only information I have is that he was a Norwegian serviceman stationed somewhere in the Wolverhampton area in 1943.

His Christian name was Richard or Ricard.

I have contacted the military authorities, both in Britain and Norway, but because I don't have a surname for him they cannot help me.

I wonder if I could appeal through your paper to anyone in the area who may be able to remember anything that may help me in my search.

Alternatively if anyone has any information about Norwegian servicemen in the Wolverhampton area during the Second World War.

C SIMMS
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Segregation is just not on

I can't help feeling the indigenous people of this nation, ethnic or otherwise, who choose to live here are getting so many things wrong, and out of prospective.

We talk about integration. This isn't happening. Many ethnic people coming to this country do not wish their children to marry outside their own religions or beliefs.

Many have no intention of even learning our mother tongue. England spends millions of pounds covering this subject, in schools and courts.

MPs, councils and educational authorities are encouraging faith schools, boys and girls to be educated separately adding further to the problems.

Interrupters providing cover for many dialects schools can't cope with. Demand after demand. etc.

Now they are requiring land for separate burial grounds.

It is time for this country to say enough is enough. Segregation of people must not be acceptable.

A BATES
Wolverhampton

BRIDGE CORNER

BRIDGE, not unlike life itself, is all about entries. Sometimes you can kick the door down; on other occasions, you have to pick the lock.

Whichever method is chosen, the key is to think about it first.

This week's Three No Trumps deal illustrates the perils.

West, with diamonds bid and little hope of getting on lead long enough to clear the hearts, punted the eight of spades in the hope of finding partner with the suit.

Declarer, as Declarers are told to do, took stock. Three heart winners, a spade, five diamonds with a lucky drop, four if not, ace of clubs makes nine anyway, might get another with a finessed queen of the suit, plenty of tricks in any event, ought to duck that spade first in case East has five, off we go, thank you partner, very nice, well bid, buy you a drink at the break, small spade please.

♠ A5
♥ J43
♦ 86432
♣ Q76

♠ 87
♥ 109876
♦ QJ10
♣ 1052

♠ KQJ106
♥ 52
♦ 5
♣ KJ983

♠ 9432
♥ AKQ
♦ AK97
♣ A4

East won with the 10 and did some pretty rapid thinking himself. His paucity of hearts and diamonds meant West might be able to guard both suits. In any event, that ace of spades had to go so back went the six.

Declarer, winning in Dummy perforce, gambled on kicking down the door by going for the diamond drop with ace and king only to be disappointed. The club finesse failed and a spade avalanche ensued.

Wiser counsels realised that a diamond could be lost anyway. Even if West had another spade, East could then hold only four. So onto that table after ace and king went the ***nine*** of diamonds, preserving the seven as the crucial entry, and the contract made with the door still on its hinges. – *Tim*

Cutting MPs is solution

I HAVE long thought that there are too many lunatics in the asylum. This week at Westminster has proved this correct.

The lunatics, also known as MPs, have voted to make it a criminal offence for a person to smoke in a car when there are children as passengers in the car. It is as unenforceable, probably more so, than banning the use of mobile phones whilst driving.

If this bill is all that MPs have to do with their time, then it is conclusive proof that there are too many of them. The USA, a far larger country has 100 senators, we have over 600 MPs. Quite simply get rid of 500 MPs and reduce costs.

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NEWS

Village speed signs aim to put brake on drivers

SPEED limit signs have been installed on a village road where hundreds of motorists have been clocked driving too fast.

The signs have been put in to remind people driving through Perton, near Wolverhampton, of the 30mph speed limit.

They have been erected at several sites in the area including around The Parkway, at its junctions with Mercia Drive, Gainsborough Drive and Richmond Drive. The move comes after volunteers took part in a Speedwatch scheme to catch motorists going too quickly – with residents concerned over safety .

Since July last year they have recorded around 900 drivers breaking the speed limit. The average speed they have recorded has been around 42mph, with the fastest at 59mph.

Chicane

Parish councillor Andy Law, who is behind the initiative, said he was pleased the signs were now in place. He said: "People should know that it's 30mph because it's a built up area with street lighting, but it's good to have this reminder."

The signs have been put up by Staffordshire County Council. It is believed that the county council is also considering whether to carry out work on a chicane in Perton which has been dubbed as 'dangerous'.

Councillor Law says Speedwatch volunteers have also seen motorists flouting road rules at chicane, which is at junction between The Parkway and St Andrew's Road.

He says his team of volunteers catch around 45 drivers speeding through the chicane every time they are there for an hour, with some clocking speeds as high as 59mph in the 30mph zone. He says he is concerned that there will be an accident at the site if changes are not made.

Charity aid a piece of cake

Enjoying the cake sale are sisters Isolabella and Ruby Marson

FEW can describe university as a piece of cake but for some students it was just that. Fourteen undergraduates from the University of Wolverhampton braved the cold to aid charity by selling cupcakes.

Students from the Leisure Industries Department carried out the sale at the university's city and Walsall campuses in aid of the Prince's Trust.

The charity helps young people, who have had a difficult start in life, back into education.

They also help to develop key skills, confidence and motivation.

Around £500 was raised. Natasha Marson, aged 39, from Wombourne is a student on the course and helped organise the fundraiser. She was there with her children Isolabella, aged 10 and Ruby, 8.

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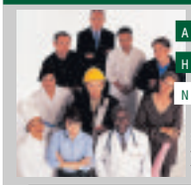

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NEWS

Population boom puts strain on new homes

A POPULATION boom is pushing the West Midlands' housing market towards breaking point, according to a new report.

Housebuilding is failing to keep pace with a population surge in the region, while wages continue to lag behind housing costs, says the National Housing Federation, the umbrella group for the UK's not-for-profit housing association.

by Simon Penfold

The new report – Home Truths 2014: West Midlands – warns that less than half of the homes needed just to house new households forming in the region are currently being built.

The federation is calling for a major building programme of affordable housing for the region.

Rents

It estimates 17,800 new households will form each year up to 2021 but only 8,620 new homes were built during 2012/13. Overall the region built the third lowest number of new homes in England over the past year.

Emma Reynolds, Wolverhampton North East MP and Labour's Shadow Housing Minister, said: "This report shows the Government is failing to build the homes the country needs and is failing to act on the cost-of-living crisis.

"We need to build many more homes to keep up with demand. Owning a home is out of reach of many low and middle-income earners, and rents are rising faster than wages."

The NHF says the homes shortage is making housing increasingly unaffordable, with house prices soaring 56 per cent between 2002 and 2012 and the average home now costing nearly nine times the average wage, at £173,378. Meanwhile, it now costs £34,676 just to put down a deposit on the average home.

The federation says rents are rising even faster than house prices, up 61 per cent.

Brave Chelsey is to reach for the skies

Cake sales to aid fundraiser. Chelsey Cartwright (front) with her sister Kaylie selling the cakes

A BRAVE teenager faced with the possibility of losing her eyesight is set to reach for the skies in a bid to raise funds for charity.

Chelsey Cartwright from Parkfields in Wolverhampton was diagnosed with Retinitis Pigmentosa as a small child, a degenerative eye disease which severely impairs sight and often causes blindness.

But the 17-year-old, who has coped with tunnel vision all her life and struggles to see in dimly-lit conditions, has embarked upon a fundraising drive which is set to culminate in one almighty leap next month.

In an effort to raise cash for Compton Hospice, the Smestow School sixth former is planning a skydive from 13,000ft above the Shropshire countryside.

"I thought a skydive would be an exciting way to raise some money for a good cause," she said.

To pay for her seat on the plane Chelsey has organised fundraising activities with the help of staff and classmates at her school, the latest of which was a cake bake.

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NEWS

Flat blaze after man set fire to pictures of his ex

A MAN burning pictures of his ex-girlfriend following a row sparked a severe blaze which left his flat a burned-out shell.

Jack Hipgrave, aged 18, was 'depressed' and decided to burn the photos at his home in Bath Street, Chapel Ash, on September 20 last year.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard the flames had spread along the carpet to a petrol can which Hipgrave was storing in the room after working on a motorcycle.

The 18-year-old was overwhelmed by the smoke and jumped through a window to escape the blaze. The court was told he had swallowed 30 paracetamol tablets because of his mental state.

Hipgrave called for police to attend but they were unable to extinguish the blaze and the fire service was sent.

The court heard a neighbouring flat was occupied at the time but no-one had been in when the fire was started.

Hipgrave pleaded guilty to one count of arson being reckless as to endanger life. He was sentenced to 20 months imprisonment at a young offenders' institution. Hipgrave was also ordered to pay a £100 surcharge.

Report

The court was told the damage to the flat had totalled more than £19,000. Compensation had also had to be paid as the owner of the flats could not rent them out while repairs were taking place. The money, a total of £25,000, has been paid by Hipgrave's family.

A psychiatric report to the court said that Hipgrave had 'significant emotional instability'. Mr David Bennett, prosecuting, said: "When burning the photos he had expected the carpet to burn but this had accelerated and set fire to the petrol can."

Miss Terri Starr, defending, said : "He says this took place in a moment of madness and is already trying to turn his life around."

She said her client had known the other flat was empty at the time as the occupant was a friend.

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Author Rich Pekar, left, with Prof Peter Rudge

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By Marion Brennan

NANDOR Pekar was forced to flee his native Hungary in 1956 after taking part in the uprising against Russian occupying forces.

He arrived in Staffordshire where he found sanctuary, a job and love. But 30 years on, after leaving suicide notes to his family, he took his own life aged 48.

His remarkable and ultimately tragic story was written down and finished by his son Richard, a product development leader at Rugeley's Armitage Shanks with the Polish Club in Stafford Road, Wolverhampton, a great source of information

Now the tale has been picked up by Stafford-movie company Grand Independent who want to turn it into a £4million film.

Mr Pekar, 45, said: "It's a fantastic feeling, no words can describe it. My dad would be completely over the moon because he started writing the story when I was 10. Now I have finished it for him."

When the Revolution started on October 23, Nandor Pekar was primed for action. Nandor was based just outside Budapest with a group of student rebels whose job was to ambush Russian tanks heading for the capital. They petrol-bombed the vehicles and, where possible, stole their weapons.

In less than a week the Russians had been beaten back and a new moderate Prime Minister had taken office, restoring democracy and freedom of speech. But within days he announced that Hungary was going to leave the Warsaw Pact, a move that saw 1,000 Russian tanks roll into Budapest on November 4. They proceeded to destroy the Hungarian army,

An estimated 30,000 people were killed and around 200,000 fled to the west. Nandor, devastated by their failure to secure victory, was among the last to leave.

The title of his son's book, Last Train To Budapest, was inspired by a conversation they had on a trip back to Hungary years later, when Richard was around 10.

Research was on trips to Hungary over years and a source of information was the Polish Club in Wolverhampton as the Hungarian Community Association of Staffordshire is also based there.

The book, published in 2006, has already been filmed when students at Staffordshire University's Stafford campus made a short movie. The 35-minute film, premiered at the university in 2010.The new film will be premiered in London and New York.

Nandor Pekar in England in 1957

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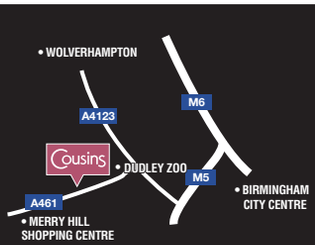

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NEWS

Hoteliers urged to serve up trainee aid

HOTELIERS are being urged to join in a new hospitality traineeship scheme which helps 16-23 year-old's gain work experience and improve their Maths and English.

The programme is developed by HIT Training, the UK's leading specialist provider of apprenticeships and work-based learning in the hospitality sector.

Andy Walker, traineeships coordinator for HIT's Birmingham and Black Country office, said: "Our traineeships are a genuine opportunity to get people who are currently on benefits or just struggling to gain employment, into work and into jobs.

By Lauren Jeal

Secure

"We're also extremely grateful to our partner employers who have not only supported and enabled this scheme to flourish, but who have given each young person a fantastic and valuable opportunity to secure a step on the employment ladder."

Damien Glewenski, 18, is a trainee from Wolverhampton and one of the first young people to sign up to the project. He is currently based at the Mercure Wolverhampton Goldthorn Hotel.

"Since I started this programme, I've seen myself change," said Damien. And he added: "It has boosted my self-confidence, I have made new friends and learned new skills. I'm really enjoying my work experience as everyone is so friendly and helpful."

HIT training is appealing for more employers to get involved with the scheme. People can find out about the scheme or businesses can join by calling Andy Walker on 07984 011 702 or visiting http://www.hittraining.co.uk

Inseparable cats in search for a home

Foster carer sisters Naomi (21) and Hannah Elson (20) with Scooby and Mini, two elderly cats in need of a home

TWO elderly cats who have been inseparable for the past 13 years are looking for a new home.

A loving new owner is needed for ginger and white cat Scooby and his tortoiseshell sister Minnie. The pair, both aged 13, have been taken in by Wolverhampton's Central Cat Rescue after their owner died and her house was sold.

Jacqui Goucher, who runs the cat rescue, said the elderly brother and sister both had a lovely nature.

"They would be ideal for an elderly couple or someone who lives by themselves, not necessarily a home with children or other animals."

The organisation has a number of cat foster carers including sisters 21-year-old Naomi Elson and Hannah Elson, aged 20, who have joined the appeal to find Scooby and Minnie new homes.

Anyone keen to take on both cats or any other animal in the esc can call Miss Gaucher on 07847360784.

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NEWS

Church praying for a new organist

St Chads in Pattingham in search for new organist. Assistant vicar Paul Snape with Mike Coope

A CHURCH is looking for a new organ player to direct musical performances at ceremonies and services.

St Chad's Church in Pattingham hopes to attract an experienced musician to fill the vacancy with their high quality vintage organ, which was built in 1873 by J W Walker and Sons.

Mike Coope, a member of the church council, said: "The organ was restored back in the 1970s and has been given regular maintenance since then. "

The church's previous organist, Colin Harper, has taken up a new position in Burford. As well as providing music for weddings and funerals, the new organ player will perform twice on a Sunday, at the morning service and the evening song service. Anyone interested should call 01902 700 257.

Care home plan for shop

AN application to turn a retail unit into a care home has been submitted to Wolverhampton City Council.

The proposal put forward by Bains Builders Limited is for a change of use to a care home for young people.

The site would be on the corner of Rookery Avenue and Rookery Crescent in the Ettingshall area. Under plans there would be four beds in the recently-constructed two-storey constructed building. It will provide sheltered accommodation.

In a report to the city council A & T Design Studio, who prepared the design and access statement on behalf of applicant Mr Surinder Bains, said: "The primary objective is to convert the recently-constructed detached retail shop into a high quality care home which would provide residential accommodation and a range of associated facilities to young children in need of care.

"The design should ensure that appropriate levels of care can be provided. It is also important that the building is visually distinctive and responds to and complements the site setting and the character of the surrounding area.

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FOCUS ON BILSTON

Boost for street sellers as licence fees may be frozen

LICENCE fees for street vendors are set to be frozen in a boost for businesses in a city centre. Traders in Bilston will also benefit from the move.

Wolverhampton City Council has recommended that the annual fees for traders, who are in the city centre, remain the same for the next financial year. A decision will be made this week.

by Adam Thompson

If passed by the council's licensing committee it means vendors along the city main shopping street, Dudley Street, will pay £3,380 for the year and £2,940 for those on Bilston Street/Queen Street.

The proposals also cover street sellers in Bilston and Wednesfield town centre, who will be charged £2,170 and £1,990 respectively and will apply to vendors around Molineux on match days, where a fee of £690 is applicable.

A council report on the issue says: "Each year proposals for the review of fees and charges related to street trading are generated. These proposals are based upon the council's policy of reviewing fees and charges annually at least in line with the increased cost of providing the service, while also having due regard to the council's social and economic policies.

"Having regard to the above it is recommended the fees and charges for street trading consents will remain unchanged for 2014/15."

The spotlight has already fallen on street vendors after the council consulted residents on the variety of food that is offered in the city centre.

Woodlands boost from £200k grant

DARK and overgrown woodlands in the West Midlands will be transformed into colourful wildlife havens thanks to a £200,000 cash grant, with Bilston Urban Village to benefit.

Money has been given to the Wildlife Trust for Birmingham and the Black Country. Natural England has handed over the cash after being impressed by the way the trust works with communities to improve its woodlands.

Bilston Urban Village, Milking Bank in Dudley and Rowley Hills are among the areas set to benefit.

Birmingham's Cannon Hill Park will also be improved thanks to the £200,000 cash injection, which bosses have described as 'massive'.

Under the project dense areas of woodland will be cleared and new trees and plants added.

Pupils raise charity notes

SCHOOLCHILDREN have been raising money for charity by singing at venues across a city.

Youngsters from Bilston Church of England Primary School have been raising money for charity CLIC Sargent. The school choir, with pupils from year six down to reception, have sung to residents at a residential home as well as to commuters at a train station.

Society to run police talk

BILSTON Historical Society will be holding a talk on Wednesday, March 5 about the history of London's first professional police force – the Bow Street Runners.

The event takes place at the centre at St Chad's Church, Bilston with a start time of 7.15pm.

The entry charge is £2.

Taking to the stage at the Grand Theatre are Hannah Evans, Peter Arnold and Soraya Miller

Chance to fly off to Neverland

EVERY child knows that to fly to Neverland all you need are happy thoughts and a sprinkling of pixie dust.

But an amateur drama group is making it even easier by inviting youngsters to audition for its upcoming production of Peter Pan.

Bilston Operatic Company will stage its musical version of the popular children's tale at the Grand Theatre in Wolverhampton from November 18-22.

Adults are also needed to take the parts of Captain Hook's band of pirates.

Auditions for younger children will be held at Old Fallings Church, in Old Fallings Lane, Wolverhampton, on March 2 and 9. Over-14s can audition on March 31 and April 7 at Springvale Sports & Social Club, in Millfields Road, Bilston.

For more information email bilstonoperatic@hotmail.co.uk or call 07798 792248.

Advice on being self employed

A 15-WEEK course to help people to get into self-employment has been launched in Bilston

The programme is being held at the craft gallery on Mount Pleasant and is being offered by the Wolverhampton Adult Education Service.

It is there for anyone who is thinking of creating a creative self-employment and will be taught through a series of seminars.

There will be workshops and guest speakers.

Learners are guided through all the stages of planning their business and expanding their networks.

The cost of the course is £108 but it is free to learners who are receipt of job seekers allowance.

Information on the course is available on www.creativeartconnections.blogspot.co.uk

Plan goes in for homes

PLANS to build 35 new homes have been unveiled. Redrow is behind the scheme which has been earmarked for land off Bankfield Road and Greenway Road in Bilston.

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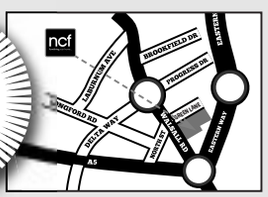

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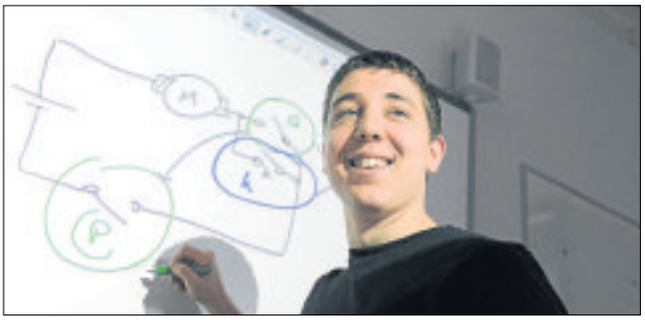

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Learning a new trade can set you on the career path

SCHOOL leavers unsure of their next steps, job seekers looking to improve their employment prospects, or people looking to learn a new skill can find out about courses and qualifications offered by City of Wolverhampton College at an open evening next week.

The college's three campuses - Paget Road in Compton, Wellington Road in Bilston, and Metro One in the city centre - will be open on Wednesday, March 5 from, 5-8pm.

This will give people the chance to learn more about the wide range of full and part-time courses and over 300 qualifications on offer to everyone, whatever their level or ability.

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Information will also be available on courses for people who want to brush up their English and maths skills or who want to move on to further or higher education but lack formal qualifications.

The college also provides a Prince's Trust programme for unemployed young people who are aged 16-25.

Impressive

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Exciting

Mark Robertson, principal of the college, said: "We are committed to providing an outstanding learning experience for our students and are continually investing in new educational initiatives.

"We are further enhancing and expanding our facilities to meet the needs of our growing number of learners and ensure they receive industry-standard training and develop the skills and knowledge they need to progress to great jobs and exciting careers in the future."

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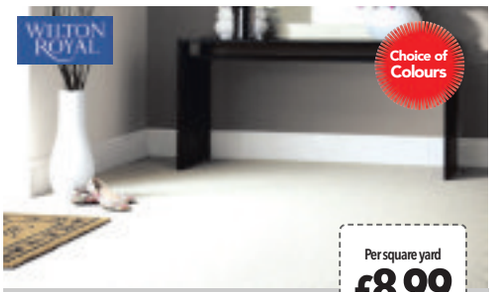

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NEWS

MP in call for equal number of gipsy sites

AN MP has challenged ministers over the number of gipsy and traveller sites within his constituency – and the Government has said it is now reviewing its policy.

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson called on the Department for Communities and Local Government to explain what it is doing to ensure pitches are provided more evenly across nearby areas.

by Will Ackermann

He also asked the department what action it is taking to gain a more accurate representation of gipsy and traveller numbers in the district.

Guidance

Responding to Mr Williamson, Brandon Lewis MP, the department's Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, said: "We are currently reviewing the associated practice guidance on traveller site provision.

"The Localism Act 2011 introduced a duty to co-operate, and we would encourage local authorities to work constructively with their neighbours on all aspects of planning."

Mr Lewis also confirmed the Department's intention to consider the case for changes to the planning definition of travellers to refer only to those who 'actually travel and have a mobile or transitory lifestyle'.

The Department says it is open to representations on these matters and will launch a consultation in due course.

Mr Williamson said he was 'delighted' the Government was taking action.

He added: "All we are asking for is that the provision of gipsy and traveller pitches is balanced across all local areas and that any applications are dealt with equitably."

Landlady in pledge to save village pub

Licensee Helena Bant at The Greyhound pub which may shut under redevelopment plans

THE landlady of an 18th century village pub which may shut under redevelopment plans has vowed to campaign to save the 'thriving' business.

Regulars have started a petition against a proposal submitted to transform The Greyhound Inn, in Swindon, near Wombourne, and neighbouring land into new homes.

Pub boss Helena Bant, aged 48, took over the Greyhound, which also has a Thai restaurant, in October having previously worked as the bar manager under previous operators. She says the family-run pub has been transformed in recent months and now employs four bar staff and six in the restaurant.

Customers are gathering support to keep the pub, in Wombourne Road, open and plan to object to the scheme creating 22 apartments and houses.

Pub group Marston's has said it has agreed to the sell the pub subject to planning permission being granted.

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NEWS

Dianne's miracle year and a new milestone

"I can't believe it's been a year and I'm still here - I've done things I never thought I'd do."

The miracle that is Dianne Freeth is still going strong. A year ago she was told she had six months to live.

But 365 days, fundraising campaigns, a life party, a new house build and a lifetime's worth of memories later, she's still with us.In the past 12 months she's raised £6,500 for Wolverhampton's Compton Hospice, which she visits once a week for a 'holiday' away from her normal life.

"I thought I might make it to Christmas," said Dianne, who has terminal lung cancer. But looking at it now, what I've achieved has changed my life.

Achievements

"It's been beyond my expectations - I've done so many things and met so many fantastic people."

Among her many achievements Dianne, from Coven, has done a 'coast-to-coast' bike ride, roping in volunteers including cycling legend Hugh Porter to take part at Wolverhampton Swimming and Fitness Centre where 874-miles were cycled on stationary bikes.

The 56-year-old also cycled 250 miles from Cardiff to Caernarfon last September, held a life party with her closest friends and family and built a house in her back garden as an investment for her son.

Her attitude has inspired thousands. And although her illness has started to slow her down - including a bout of pneumonia before Christmas - Dianne is making the most of her new outlook on life.

Fundraiser Dianne Freeth, pictured at Compton Hospice

"Being told you're going to die changes your life in good ways and bad," she said. "Obviously it's devastating news but I've attacked my illness and made things happen for me. I'm not scared of doing anything now.

Compton Hospice is her solace, her retreat, from the stresses of living with her illness. There she converses with like-minded people dealing with the same issues - and the last thing they want to talk about is how poorly they're feeling.

But mostly Dianne just wants to have fun and getting to her birthday in June is a milestone she is aiming for.

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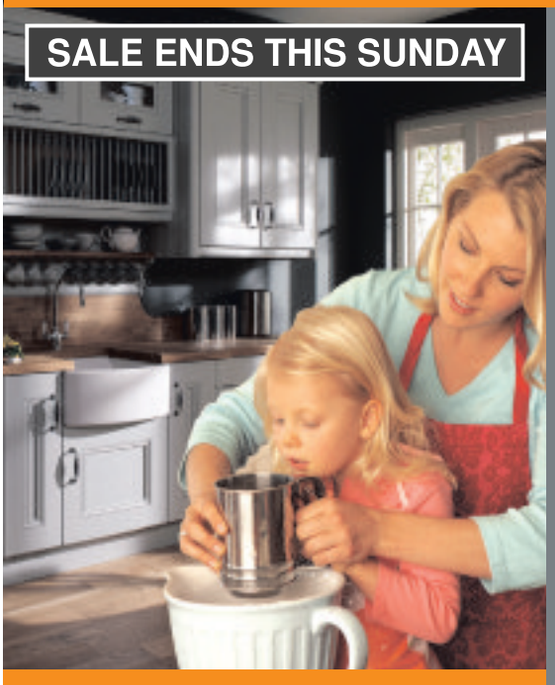

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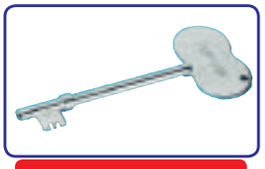

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CLUB NEWS

Wonderful to see the happy faces

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OUR speaker for the evening was Bill Fearnehough, who had come to tell us about Operation Christmas Child.

It is the world's largest children's Christmas project. Each year shoeboxes are filled with gifts and sent to needy children overseas. Last year 4,600 boxes were sent from Wolverhampton to Rumania.

In the UK alone, around 918,000 boxes were delivered to children in Eastern Europe, and almost 10 million were sent out globally.

Bill showed us a short video of a school in England who had wrapped shoeboxes in Christmas paper, filled them with presents and a photograph of their class, and then sent them abroad.

The film followed the boxes to their destination and we saw the joy on the faces of the boys and girls as they opened them.

A look ahead to some events planned for this year. On March 19 we are invited to tour round the Beacon Centre for the Blind. The visit will include lunch in their canteen. On August 6 we are going to have a Steam and Cream tea on the Churnett Valley railway, which travels through beautiful countryside, known as Staffordshire's Little Switzerland.

Our next meeting is March13 at the village hall, Trysull, at 7.30pm. Ian Rigby will be talking about halcyon enamels. The competition is a collectable box.

Speaker's spotlight on work for charity

W'TON WOMEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB

THE club held its monthly luncheon at The Lindens, Wolverhampton with 64 present including two new members.

The speaker, Mr Jerry Hobbs spoke about the charities he works for now that he is retired.

The AGM followed the talk. Reports were given by the chairman, secretary and treasurer and these were approved and seconded.

The chairman thanked the club for the support given to her over the last year and presented gifts to the three retiring committee members. The new chairman, Mrs Susan Farnath was then invested with the badge of office.

She told members there were two new committee members and asked that the committee be accepted en bloc and this was agreed.

At this week's meeting the speaker was Natasha Roderick-Jones who talked about 'he Energy Exchange.

Looking back to start of the tram

K'WINSFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DR Paul Collins was the speaker at the February meeting, his subject being By Tram from Dudley.

He recounted the story of the beginning of local trams. This was the first meeting in 2014 and new members and visitors would be welcomed at the Community Centre, High Street, Kingswinford.

Meetings are usually on the first Monday in the month, the next on Monday at 7.30pm when the speaker will be Max Keenwith the History of Dudley Castle.

Busy start to year and lots to come

CODSALL 'M' TG

THIS year is already proving to be a very busy one for Codsall 'M' TG.

We started off in January with a social afternoon in aid of the Macro Anophthalmic Children's Society and the Alzheimer's Cafe. More than £300 was raised.

On February 1 we joined in the celebrations for Codsall Village Hall's 50th Anniversary. There was a stall showing all of Codsall TG's activities. Several outings, lunches and events are already planned for the year ahead .

Focus on amateur videos

WEST BROMWICH TG

THE February meeting of the West Bromwich Central Townswomen's Guild proved to be a most entertaining afternoon.

After the usual business preliminaries, the chairman, Mrs Joyce Brown, welcomed Mrs Maureen Cooper and Mr Les Hickman who are long-time members of the Wulfrun Camcorder Club. They explained that this was an association of dedicated enthusiasts who meet once a week to view their latest amateur video offerings.

The guild was shown a wide variety of short films taken by members.

All members agreed that the illustrated talk had been very entertaining and thanked the presenters for braving the elements in such appalling weather.

The monthly meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 2 pm. at Moose Hall, Woodward Street, West Bromwich. The next meeting will be the AGM on March 9.

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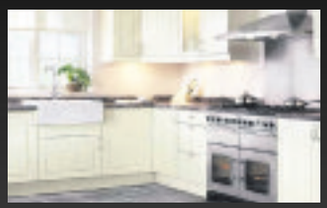

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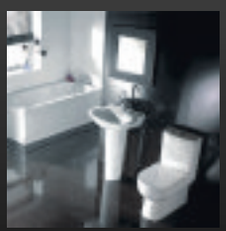

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NEWS

Website to aid patient feedback

WOLVES legend Steve Bull helped launch a new website which will help patients in the city give feedback on the services they receive.

Healthwatch Wolverhampton has unveiled its new website which it says will help improve services in the city. The website will allow people who have used hospitals, doctors, dentists and pharmacies to leave feedback, which will then be passed on to help improve the services offered to people in the city.

Steve, who is the exclusive ambassador for Healthwatch Wolverhampton, said: "I think it's absolutely superb. I used to get the best treatment while I was at the club and I think the people of the city deserve that too.

The website was launched at a suite at Molineux, in front of around 50 people who were users of Wolverhampton Healthwatch, which was formerly Wolverhampton Local Involvement Network (LINk).

Wolverhampton Healthwatch is one of the first of its kind to introduce a website of this sort .

Freeze tax on ale, say breweries

BREWERY bosses in the Black Country have called on the Government to freeze or cut beer duty in this year's Budget.

Brewers at large and small companies have said such is the economic importance of the industry it is worthy of maintaining a freeze in the tax on beers.

The managing director at Wolverhampton-based Marstons, Richard Westwood, has led the calls.

Mr Westwood said: "Last year the industry achieved a remarkable feat to stop beer tax killing beer and pubs. The scrapping of the beer duty escalator, however, was just the first hurdle.

"A long term freeze in beer duty would ensure the continuing growth of the brewing industry and certainly help many pubs across the country.

"As part of Marston's we operate over 2,000 pubs in the UK, and are the world's largest brewer of cask ale. We are seeing growth in beer volumes and the significance of this on the UK economy cannot be dismissed.",

The British Beer and Pub Association (BBPA) has called on the Government to freeze the duty, and Richard Westwood, managing director for Marston's, agrees.

He said: "A long term freeze in beer duty would ensure the continuing growth of the brewing industry and certainly help many pubs across the country."

Digging in to replace hedgerows

A PROJECT to replace hedgerows and native meadows at a popular site has been backed by a leisure chief - who has offered to volunteer himself.

The £5,600 scheme has been earmarked for Bantock Park with funding from the Birmingham and Black Country Nature Improvement Area programme.

The first stage of the work is due to take place in early March and volunteers are invited to join in on the day and help replant two historic hedgerow and restore features that would have been found in the area more than 100 years ago.

Wolverhampton City Council's leisure chief councillor Elias Mattu is intending to volunteer for the project himself.

He said: "This is a great opportunity to get involved in a fascinating piece of work which will have a lasting impact on Bantock Park, and I'd encourage anyone who is available to lend a hand."

The installation of the historic hedgerows is one element of the restoration.

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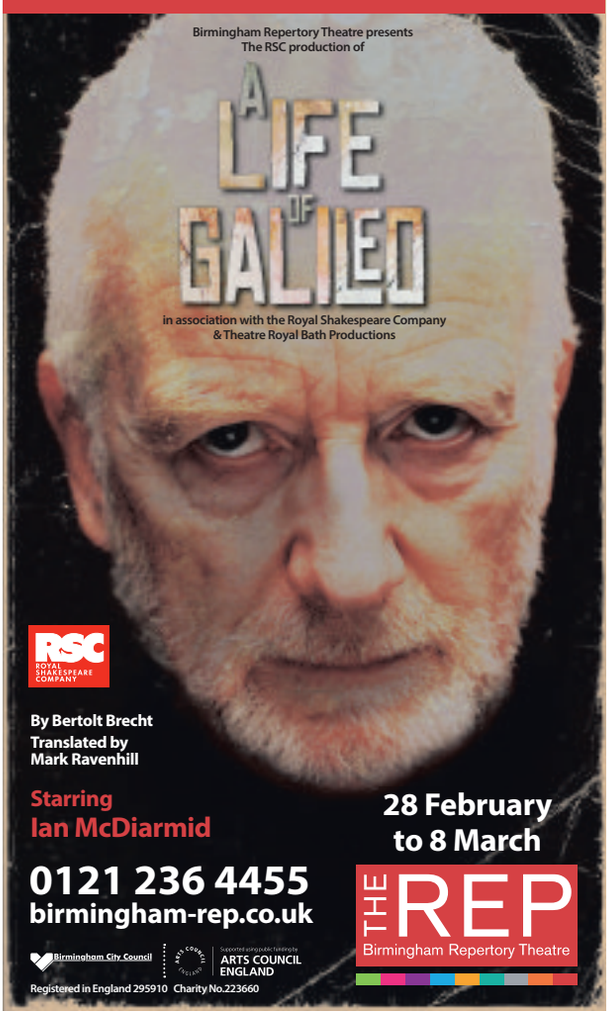

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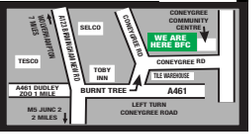

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NEWS

Talks aim to secure the future of Bratch

TALKS will be held to try to secure the future of the historic Bratch Pumping Station in Wombourne.The Grade II listed building, has fallen into a state of disrepair in recent years.

There have been fears for its future. However now it has emerged that a working group is being set up to try to come up with options for the site.

And the owners, Severn Trent Water, say they will work with officials to 'find a long term solution for its future'.

By Jon Pritchard

The pumping station is one of only 50 of its kind in England. It was built in 1895.

The MP for South Staffordshire, Gavin Williamson, is urging residents to come forward with idea about how the site could be brought back into public use.

Sustainable

Mr Williamson said: "The Bratch Pumping Station, at Wombourne forms an important part of our local heritage.

"We need to find a sustainable solution, where the Bratch Pumping Station can support itself and still remain accessible to the general public.

"Any suggestions from local residents and businesses would be extremely welcome, as we seek to ensure that this rare building remains available to our community for generations to come."

South Staffordshire District Council is set to create a working group, alongside English Heritage, to look at what it can do to support the site.

Victoria Brown, a Severn Trent Water spokesperson said: "We are currently working together with Gavin Williamson MP, English Heritage and the council at The Bratch to find the most appropriate, and mutually beneficial, long term solution for its future.

"It's an important piece of our industrial heritage."

Wheels in motion for football aid project

Fundraising football – (front) Malique Edwards, Ryan Mason, (back) Mike Hampson, Stefan Lewis and Jamie Mincher

TWO football coaches are putting the wheels in motion to raise funds for a trip to help train deprived school children in Jamaica.

Michael Hampson, 20, and Malique Edwards, 19, are amongst a 10-strong team of football coaches from Wolverhampton heading over to the Caribbean to teach youngsters. And to raise the £1,350 to fund their journey the duo will embark on a three-day cycle ride from Molineux to Wembley starting next month.

Mr Hampson said the pair were aiming to update their equipment before they depart for London next Friday.

"We are going to be doing 60 miles for the first two days and then 15 miles on the last day," he said. "We are hoping we can get a company to sort us out with some road bikes because otherwise we're going to have to do the ride on mountain bikes.

They will be coaching children from 7-14, from some of the poorest areas in Jamaica. To sponsor them or to donate road bikes, email mikehampson32@hotmail.co.uk

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NEWS

Four deny drugs charge

FOUR people have appeared at court to deny conspiracy to supply class A drugs.

Two men and two women pleaded not guilty at Stafford Crown Court to the supply of MDMA.

Charles Hendrie, aged 29 and Leah Parkes, 27, from Bury, Adib Asfour, 25, of Kinlet Close in Wolverhampton, and Chloe Arrowsmith, 24, of London, are accused .

They were bailed to appear at Wolverhampton Crown Court on March 27. Hendrie and Parkes were charged after a £1m drugs bust on the M6 at Hilton Park Services.

Population boom puts strain on new homes

A POPULATION boom is pushing the West Midlands' housing market towards breaking point, according to a new report.

Housebuilding is failing to keep pace with a population surge in the region, while wages continue to lag behind housing costs, says the National Housing Federation, the umbrella group for the UK's not-for-profit housing association.

by Simon Penfold

The new report – Home Truths 2014: West Midlands – warns that less than half of the homes needed just to house new households forming in the region are currently being built.

The federation is calling for a major building programme of affordable housing for the region.

Rents

It estimates 17,800 new households will form each year up to 2021 but only 8,620 new homes were built during 2012/13. Overall the region built the third lowest number of new homes in England over the past year.

Emma Reynolds, Wolverhampton North East MP and Labour's Shadow Housing Minister, said: "This report shows the Government is failing to build the homes the country needs and is failing to act on the cost-of-living crisis.

"We need to build many more homes to keep up with demand. Owning a home is out of reach of many low and middle-income earners, and rents are rising faster than wages."

The NHF says the homes shortage is making housing increasingly unaffordable, with house prices soaring 56 per cent between 2002 and 2012 and the average home now costing nearly nine times the average wage, at £173,378. Meanwhile, it now costs £34,676 just to put down a deposit on the average home.

The federation says rents are rising even faster than house prices, up 61 per cent over the 10 years to 2012, and set to rise another 39 per cent by 2020.

Walsall saw one of the highest private sector rent rises over the 12 months to September last year, up 5.2 per cent, to an average £508 per week. Also in the top 10 for rent hikes was Birmingham,up 4.4 per cent to £565, and Sandwell up 2.5 per cent to £500 a week. In Wolverhampton average weekly rents rose just 0.4 per cent to £499. In Dudley up 1.2 per cent to £516.

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JUNGLE BOOGIE HONOURED IN FIRST NATIONAL SOFT PLAY AWARDS

Wolverhampton Play Centre Jungle Boogie has been awarded Runner up in the first National Soft play Awards.

The competition run by online group Netmums was created to find the top venue for children in the West Midlands and called on 1.6 million parents to cast their vote for their favourite Play Centre. The popular centre beat off fierce competition from hundreds of rivals and was the only play centre to be receive the prestigious award in Wolverhampton or the surrounding areas.

The indoor playgrounds - which have padded climbing frames and slides for young children - have soared in popularity over the last five years with dozens of new businesses opening in the area. The awards were set up to celebrate the best in the burgeoning industry.

Jungle Boogie in Church Road, Codsall, was launched by local mum Helena Diffey in July 2012, turning a local disused building into a place for families to enjoy and creating 10 local jobs. Hundreds of parents flock to the venue each week, to enjoy play and relaxation in the friendly fun centre.

Delighted Helena said: "We'd like to thank all the local parents who voted for us. Being voted a runner up in such a big national awards is so exciting. We are delighted all our hard work is appreciated by our customers'

The centre will now receive a special certificate to display in their centre along with a one-month gold listing and a sought-after 'Netmums favourite' badge for their website.

For more information, please contact Jungle Boogie on 01902 843191 or contact@jungle-boogie.co.uk.

From left to right are: *Jessica Whetton, Emily Bailey, Karen Phillips, Michelle Griffiths, Helena Diffey, Claire Cocker-Stewart and Claire Brown*

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What's On!

St George's Day charity concert

TICKETS are on sale for a concert marking St George's Day at Birmingham's Symphony Hall on April 19.

The event is organised by the Birmingham St George's Day Association. Comedians Don Maclean and Malcom Stent are on the bill with a mystery guest. Also performing will be Birmingham Community Gospel Choir, Sovereign Brass, the group Quill, a local choir and school children. Money raised will go to Troop Aid.

The concert takes place between 6pm and 9pm. Tickets are priced between £5 and £18.

Tickets can be bought at Birmingham Town Hall or Symphony Hall box office, by calling 0121 345 0603 or by visiting the www.thsh.co.uk website.

Neds top bill at indie all-dayer

EXPECT the return of the mosh pit, spilt pints and crowd surfing when Black Country rock legends Ned's Atomic Dustbin top the bill at the Gigantic Classic Indie All-Dayer at Manchester Academy on Bank Holiday Monday, May 24.

Also on the bill will be one of the late John Peel's favourite bands The Wedding Present, Manchester's own The Chameleons, Yorshire's Cud, and Irish outfits The Sultans of Ping and The Frank And Walters.

Tickets for the 10-hour party cost £25. See www.manchesteracademy.net for further information.

A conflict between church and science that still resonates

THE rational versus the superstitious, science versus the church, a conflict down the ages that still resonates today is the subject of Birmingham Rep artistic director's new staging of A Life Of Galileo.

This is a rapid revival of her own acclaimed production, translated by Mark Ravenhill from the work by Marxist German playwright Bertolt Brecht. It won praise when staged by the Royal Shakespeare Company at Stratford and will again feature Ian McDiarmid in the title role.

Ian McDiarmid as Galileo

It looks at the pioneering Italian scientist's clash with the Roman Catholic Church in the early 17th Century over his assertion that the Earth orbits the Sun.

The play, staged at The Rep from tomorrow night to March 8, is presented as part of a Brecht season at the Centenary Square venue.

The anarchic world of children's TV in the past (think Tiswas and Going Live) is the inspiration for Told By An Idiot's Never Try This At Home at The Rep's Studio from tonight to March 15.

At the theatre's third space, The Door, London Soho Theatre's darkly comic romance Blink, by Phil Porter, is being staged from Monday to Wednesday.

Before Fame The Musical leaps onto the stage, Wolverhampton Grand hosts English Touring Theatre's passionate Eternal Love, the story of the 12th century romance between philosopher and student, Abelard and Heloise, through to Saturday. The lovers are played by real-life couple David Sturzaker and Jo Herbert.

Rod Stewart musical Tonight's The Night is at the New Alexandra Theatre until Saturday. The Birmingham venue then hosts 1700s Scottish adventure Kidnapped on Monday night and Tuesday afternoon.

Fame, it's gonna live forever

LEGWARMERS, star jumps and poignant moments at the piano — it can only mean Fame.

Back in 1980 British director Alan Parker's movie about the tribulations and triumphs of young hopeful students at New York High School of Performing Arts was a surprise hit, spawning a hit TV series and a 2009 movie remake.

Musical

It also led to Fame The Musical, an international theatre hit which had a West End run and toured the UK, featuring the famous title song and such numbers as Hard Work, Let's Play A Love Scene and Think Of Meryl Streep.

The latest UK touring revival brings matters up to date by setting the story in 2014 when it arrives at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre on Monday for a six-day run — so expect lots of dynamic dancing but fewer dodgy perms.

A scene from the new version of Fame The Musical, being staged in Wolverhampton

Concert will be a tale of two cellos

"THEY say the cello is the closest instrument to the human voice. With 'A Tale of Two Cellos' we wanted to sing together in a universal language so that we could share this beautiful music, which spans nearly five hundred years, with everyone." So say husband and wife cello duo Julian and Jiaxin Lloyd Webber of their latest album for classical label Naxos.

The famous cellists will be performing together at Cannock's Prince of Wales Theatre on Thursday, March 13, as part of a UK tour. There will be premiere duets for two cellos with piano as well as music by Vivaldi, Bach, Rachmaninov and Saint-Saëns.

The concert is at 7.30pm and tickets cost £18. Call 01543 578762 or visit www.wlct.org/cannock/theatre/

Award-winning folk duo at cafe

WINNERS of the best duo at this year's Radio2 Folk Awards, Phillip Henry and Hannah Martin, are heading to Birmingham.

They will be coming fresh from their award-winning appearance at the Royal Albert Hall to play at the Kitchen Garden Cafe in Kings Heath on March 30 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8 in advance or £10 on the door. The West Country pair have made a fantastic leap considering that not so long ago they were found by Steve Knightley of Show of Hands, busking on Sidmouth seafront as part of the town's folk festival. Visit www.kitchengardencafe.co.uk.

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The Voice UK
BBC1, 7pm
The blind auditions are complete and the coaches have chosen 12 acts each. Now begins the process of whittling them down by half for the live shows – and that means the return of the battle rounds. Emma Willis and Marvin Humes host as the coaches are joined by four advisers – Scissor Sisters frontman Jake Shears, singer Katy B, award-winning rapper Tinie Tempah and Black Eyed Peas founder Dante Santiago – who give the acts the benefit of their experience, before pitting them against each other in head-to-head musical performances.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** James Martin: Home Comforts. **12.00** Football Focus. **12.45** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **1.15** Cycling. **2.45** Bargain Hunt. (R) **3.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Final Score. **5.10** Reflex. **5.55** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
6.15 Pointless Celebrities. Janice Long, Graham Cole and Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards take part in the unorthodox general knowledge quiz. Last in the series. (R)
7.00 The Voice UK. The battle rounds begin as the coaches enlist four advisers – Jake Shears, Katy B, Tinie Tempah and Dante Santiago – and pit their acts against each other in the sing-offs.
9.10 The National Lottery Live. Gaby Roslin reveals the results of the Lotto and the Thunderball.
9.20 Casualty. Robyn injures herself after confronting an intruder in her home, and Lily shows her softer side while treating a heavily pregnant woman in severe pain.
10.10 BBC News; Weather.
10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, which included Fulham v Chelsea at Craven Cottage; National Lottery Update.
11.45 The Football League Show. Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from today's fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two.
1.05 Weatherview. **1.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.15 Film:** Jules Verne's Rocket to the Moon. (1967) **8.10** Life on Earth. (R) **9.05** Life on Earth. (R) **10.00** Andrew Marr's The Making of Modern Britain. (R) **11.00** Fred Dibnah's Made in Britain. (R) **11.30** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **12.00** James Martin: Home Comforts. **12.30** Talking Pictures. **1.10 Film:** The Lady Vanishes. (1938) **2.45** Final Score. **4.00** Coast. (R) **4.15** Natural World: The Real Jungle Book Bear. (R) **5.15** Restoration Home One Year On. (R)
6.15 Flog It! Paul Martin is joined by antique experts Mark Stacey and David Fletcher as they look for valuable items in Dorchester, Dorset.
7.15 Dad's Army. Jones finds himself cast adrift. (R)
7.45 The Perfect Morecambe & Wise. A selection of sketches featuring the duo.
8.15 Darcey's Ballerina Heroines. Darcey Bussell journeys from 18th-century France to 1950s America to explore the changing role of the ballerina and the challenges her predecessors faced.
9.15 QI XL. Stephen Fry hosts an extended edition of the peculiar panel quiz, with Sandi Toksvig, Bill Bailey, Susan Calman and Alan Davies answering questions on places that start with J.
10.00 Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle. New series. Stewart Lee explores different themes in stand-up routines.
10.30 Film: The Producers. (2005) Musical comedy, starring Matthew Broderick and Nathan Lane.
12.35 Film: Lady Caroline Lamb. (1972) **2.35** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Dino Dan. **6.10** Dino Dan. (R) **6.25** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.45** Canimals. (R) **6.55** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Om Nom Stories. (R) **7.15** Om Nom Stories. (R) **7.20** Sooty. (R) **7.30** Scrambled! **9.25** Dinner Date. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.15** ITV News; Weather. **11.25** The Crocodile Hunter Diaries. (R) **11.50** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **12.45** The Unforgettable Frankie Howerd. (R) **1.15** Midsomer Murders. (R) **3.15 Film:** Tea with Mussolini. (1999) **5.35** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.
6.00 You've Been Framed! Best of the Best. Classic clips and Harry Hill's most surreal comments inspired by viewers' home videos, featuring everything from cute kids and crazy animals to pranks and painful accidents.
7.00 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway. The Geordie duo target chef Gordon Ramsay with their latest stunt, Little Ant and Dec meet Mr Selfridge star Jeremy Piven and comedienne Sarah Millican is the guest announcer.
8.20 The Cube. New series. Gym instructor Chris and student Sophie hope to beat the Cube and take home the £250,000 jackpot.
9.20 The Jonathan Ross Show. The host chats to supermodel Claudia Schiffer, comedian Dara O Briain, Sex and the City actress Kristin Davis and rapper-turned-actor Ice Cube.
10.20 ITV News; Weather.
10.35 Film: Fast & Furious. (2009)
12.35 Jackpot247. **3.00** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Grid. **7.00** Trans World Sport. **7.55** Paralympic Winter Games – The Countdown. (R) **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. (r) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** How I Met Your Mother. **12.00** How I Met Your Mother. **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)
6.10 Come Dine with Me. Accountant Toni Shukla hosts the final dinner party in Birmingham. (R)
6.40 Channel 4 News.
7.05 The Restoration Man. Transforming a church in the Devon fishing port of Brixham. (R)
8.00 The Storms That Stole Christmas. The stories of those who bore the brunt of the bad weather over Christmas 2013 and the surrounding period, featuring amateur footage, eyewitness testimony and expert commentary. (R)
9.00 Hostages. Ellen must decide whether to save Duncan's life and sets out to track down his wife Nina, while Boyd sneaks into the Sanders' home in a misguided attempt to help Morgan.
10.00 Film: The Lincoln Lawyer. (2011) Premiere. Legal thriller, starring Matthew McConaughey.
12.15 Film: A History of Violence. (2005) **2.00** Boss. **3.05** Mesh: Covert. (R) **3.10** One Born Every Minute. (R) **4.05** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **9.55 Film:** Jetsons: The Movie. (1990) Children's animation, voiced by Mel Blanc. **11.25 Film:** Stuart Little 3: Call of the Wild. (2005) Children's animated adventure sequel, with the voice of Michael J Fox. **12.55 Film:** Getting Even with Dad. (1994) Family comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin and Ted Danson. **3.00 Film:** Columbo: Playback. (1975) Crime drama, with Peter Falk. **4.35 Film:** Columbo: Candidate for Crime. (1973) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk.
6.30 The NCIS Movie: Payback. Feature-length episode. The agents try to locate a serial killer, but their investigation leads to a surprising revelation. Meanwhile, McGee accompanies Abby to Mexico. (R)
9.05 5 News Weekend.
9.10 Live International Boxing. James DeGale v Gevorg Khatchikian. Mark Pougatch presents coverage of the super middleweight bout at the City Academy in Bristol.
11.10 Film: Pistol Whipped. (2008) A former cop becomes a hitman to clear his debts, but begins to suspect his employer is hiding something from him. Action thriller, starring Steven Seagal and Lance Henriksen. Edited for language.
1.05 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **3.05** Benidorm ER. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Hana's Helpline. (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D **7.25** Doctor Who **8.10** Top Gear **9.10 Film:** I Am Number Four (2011) **10.50** Family Guy
BBC Four
7.00 Great Barrier Reef **8.00** Lost Kingdoms of South America **9.00** Salamander **10.35** What's Going On? The Life and Death of Marvin Gaye **11.35** Roll Over Beethoven – The Chess Records Saga
ITV2
2.50 Film: Kangaroo Jack (2003) **4.40 Film:** Step Up (2006) **6.55 Film:** Ocean's Thirteen (2007) **9.20 Film:** Forgetting Sarah Marshall (2008) **11.30 Film:** The Sweetest Thing (2002)
ITV3
3.55 Inspector Morse **5.55** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Endeavour. Inspector Morse prequel, starring Shaun Evans. **11.00** A Touch of Frost
ITV4
2.40 Film: The Manchurian Candidate (1962) **5.15 Film:** Nevada Smith (1966) **7.55** Hornblower. The seafaring hero's resourcefulness turns the tide of a battle. **10.00 Film:** Schindler's List (1993)
E4
4.00 Rude(ish) Tube **5.00** The Big Bang Theory: Access All Areas **5.30** The Big Bang Theory **6.30** The Big Bang Theory: It All Started with a Big Bang **7.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** The Tomorrow People **9.00 Film:** Trading Places (1983) **11.20** Rude Tube: Viral Ads
Film4
3.15 Imagine That (2009) **5.20** The Phantom (1996) **7.15** Bedazzled (2000) Fantasy comedy remake, starring Brendan Fraser. **9.00** The Taking of Pelham 123 (2009) **11.05** 28 Days Later (2002)

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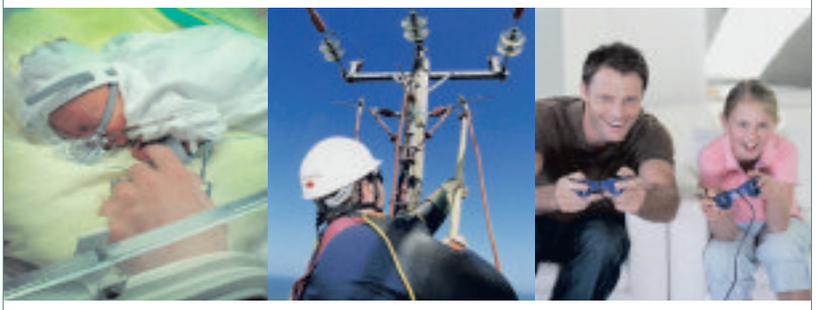

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CHOICE

Kelly Hoppen

Dragons' Den
BBC2, 9pm
It's always fun to play along while watching telly, especially if you're playing "guess Peter Jones' next pun" on Dragons' Den. Here, he and fellow Dragons Duncan Bannatyne, Deborah Meaden, Kelly Hoppen and Piers Linney meet two women with an alpaca-based knitwear company, but will Peter accuse them of 'spinning a yarn', or ask them to get down to the 'knitty gritty' of their proposal? Among the other would-be entrepreneurs is the director of a London-based design company with a new take on the sticky note.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.40** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.15** The Indian Doctor. (R) **3.00** Flog It! **3.25** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.10** Deadly on a Mission: Pole to Pole. **4.40** Songs of Praise. **5.15** Pointless Celebrities. (R)

6.05 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.30 Blandings. Clarence must prevent his brother from publishing his scandalous memoirs.

7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker explores Elmley Marshes on the Isle of Sheppey off the coast of Kent, Ellie Harrison visits Knole House further inland and Helen Skelton is in the Wiltshire countryside. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Call the Midwife. A new mum and her baby go missing, Jenny begins to see cracks in the establishment while on secondment, and Chummy discovers her mother has walked out on her father.

9.00 The Musketeers. The swordsmen help a young mother rescue her kidnapped baby son, while the king is reluctantly reunited with his scheming mother Marie de Medici.

10.00 BBC News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Swansea City v Crystal Palace.

11.30 The League Cup Show. Manchester City v Sunderland.

12.10 Weatherview. **12.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.10 Film:** School for Scoundrels. (1960) **7.40** Monty Don's Italian Gardens. (R) **8.40** Countryfile. (R) **9.40** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.10** James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) **11.55** Michel Roux's Service. (R) **12.55** Michel Roux's Service. (R) **1.55 Film:** Vertigo. (1958) **4.00** Cycling. **5.35** Giant Squid: Filming the Impossible – Natural World Special. (R)

6.20 Film: Invincible. (2006) Fact-based sporting drama about an American football fan given the chance to play for the team he has supported all his life. With Mark Wahlberg, Greg Kinnear and Elizabeth Banks.

8.00 Top Gear. Richard Hammond drives the Porsche 918 Spyder and Jeremy Clarkson creates a public information film with James May to promote safer cycling. With Breaking Bad star Aaron Paul.

9.00 Dragons' Den. A London-based entrepreneur pitches a new take on the sticky note, and two women bring a pair of alpacas as they try to gain funds for their knitwear business. Last in the series.

10.00 Mock the Week Looks Back at Science and Technology. Another themed selection from the show's archives. (R)

10.30 Line of Duty. Denton reveals a high-ranking officer has a motive for framing her. (R)

11.30 Film: The Mission. (1986) Historical drama, with Robert De Niro and Jeremy Irons.

1.30 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.25** Holby City. (R) **3.25** Silk. (R) **4.25** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Dino Dan. **6.10** Dino Dan. (R) **6.25** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.45** Canimals. (R) **6.55** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Om Nom Stories. (R) **7.15** Om Nom Stories. (R) **7.20** Sooty. (R) **7.30** Scrambled! **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **11.25** ITV News; Weather. **11.30** River Monsters. (R) **12.30 Film:** Columbo: Death Hits the Jackpot. (1991) **2.30** The Crocodile Hunter Diaries. (R) **3.30 Film:** Diamonds Are Forever. (1971) **5.50** Regional Programme ; Weather.

6.00 ITV News; Weather.

6.15 Dancing on Ice. Phillip Schofield and Christine Bleakley host the semi-final, and the competition is sure to be intense with only three places in the final up for grabs. The results are at 8.30pm.

7.45 All Star Family Fortunes. Coronation Street special of the game show. Last in the series.

8.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off. The two lowest-scoring couples compete. Last in the series.

9.00 Mr Selfridge. Following Henri's arrest and Harry's disappearance, the police visit the Selfridges' home in search of clues. Agnes receives an ominous telegram and Lady Mae faces a tough decision.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.

10.15 It'll Be Alright on the Night's Best of the Worst. Compilation of clangers from the programme's history. (R)

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union.

12.15 The Store. **2.15** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.20 The Hoobs. (R) **6.45** The Hoobs. (R) **7.10** Freesports on 4. **7.35** Arenacross. **8.00** FIM Superbike World Championship. **8.35** Sochi Special: Paralympic Winter Games. **9.05** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.30** How I Met Your Mother. **2.00** How I Met Your Mother. **2.25** The Simpsons. (R) **2.55** The Simpsons. (R) **3.20** Deal or No Deal. **4.25 Film:** Grease. (1978)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Fish Fight: Hugh's Last Stand. Follow-up documentary in which Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall tells the story of how hundreds of thousands of people came together to bring about radical reforms to fishing policies.

8.00 Britain's Bronze Age Mummies: A Time Team Special. Tony Robinson follows an archaeological dig on a burial ground in Northumberland and investigates other finds that are changing people's understanding of the Bronze Age.

9.00 Film: Salt. (2010) A CIA agent goes on the run after she is accused of being a sleeper assassin sent to murder the Russian president. Action thriller, starring Angelina Jolie and Liev Schreiber.

11.00 Film: Predator. (1987) A military team on a mission in a Central American jungle encounters a merciless alien hunter in search of human prey. Sci-fi thriller, with Arnold Schwarzenegger.

1.00 Film: The Fountain. (2006)
2.35 One Born Every Minute. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.35** City of Friends. (R) **7.45** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.35** Mio Mao. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Super Samurai. (R) **10.35** Power Rangers Megaforce. (R) **11.05** Access. **11.10** Road Terror: Caught on Camera. (R) **11.50** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **12.50** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **1.50** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.50 Film:** Beetlejuice. (1988) **4.40 Film:** Zathura: A Space Adventure. (2005)

6.35 Film: The Fifth Element. (1997) Sci-fi adventure, starring Bruce Willis.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Film: Erin Brockovich. (2000) A single mother goes to work at a law firm and ends up taking on a company suspected of contaminating a small town's water. Fact-based drama, with Julia Roberts and Albert Finney.

11.45 Film: The Fog. (2005) Horror remake, starring Tom Welling.

1.35 SuperCasino. **3.05** Trauma Doctors. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.45** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Hana's Helpline. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 The Voice UK **9.15** Hair **10.15** Family Guy **11.00** Bluestone 42 **11.30** American Dad!

BBC Four
7.00 Timeshift: The Golden Age of Coach Travel **8.00** The Fairytale Castles of King Ludwig II with Dan Cruickshank **9.00** Timewatch: Captain Cook – The Man Behind the Legend **10.00 Film:** Barbara (2012) **11.40** Timeshift: The Golden Age of Coach Travel

ITV2
2.15 Film: Step Up (2006) **4.25** Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **5.45 Film:** The Incredible Hulk (2008) **7.55 Film:** Coyote Ugly (2000) **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.50** Party Wright Around the World **11.50** The Big Reunion 2014

ITV3
2.50 Rosemary & Thyme **4.55** Lewis **6.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** The One and Only Cilla Black **10.30** Inspector Morse

ITV4
3.05 Tim Vine's Punslinger **4.25 Film:** The Sting (1973) **7.00** Storage Wars **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00 Film:** Memphis Belle (1990) **11.10** Hell on Wheels

E4
3.00 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **4.00** The Tomorrow People **5.00** Troy **6.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** 10 Things I Hate About You (1999) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory **10.30** My Mad Fat Diary **11.30** How I Met Your Mother

Film4
2.55 Stardust (2007) **5.20** Fantastic Mr Fox (2009) **7.05** The Death and Life of Charlie St Cloud (2010) **9.00** Sanctum (2011) **11.10** Pride and Glory (2008)

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What's On!

Film Choices

Monday
Lethal Obsession, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A woman with a troubled marriage attends a family funeral, and is reunited with her dangerously overprotective brother. He initially seems to have moved on from his past obsessive behaviour, but when people around her start disappearing, she realises he is killing anyone he disapproves of – and her husband may be next. Thriller, starring Kellie Martin and Adam MacDonald. (2007)

Mercenary for Justice, Channel 5, 11pm
A soldier for hire vows to look after the wife and son of a dead comrade-in-arms, but the family is kidnapped by a rogue CIA faction. The mercenary is forced to carry out a dangerous mission to break into a notorious South African prison and free the son of an arms dealer. Action thriller, starring Steven Seagal, Jacqueline Lord, Roger Guenveur Smith and Luke Goss. (2006)

Tuesday
Deadly Isolation, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A widow is unaware her academic husband led a double life as a jewel thief, and was once involved in the theft of $20million in diamonds. However, when his two partners in crime are released from prison, they come looking for her, believing she has the gems. Thriller, starring Sherilyn Fenn and Nicholas Lea. (2005)

World Trade Center, Wednesday, Channel 4, 12.05am

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Fact-based drama inspired by the events of September 11. The film focuses on two police officers who were trapped in the wreckage of one of the Twin Towers while they oversaw the evacuation, and examines the effects of the tragic incident on their families. Directed by Oliver Stone and starring Nicolas Cage, Maria Bello, Michael Pena and Maggie Gyllenhaal. (2006)

Thursday
Obsession, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A woman receives a promotion at work that entails moving to a different city, so decides to end her relationship with her boyfriend and make a fresh start. However, he does not take kindly to the rejection. Thriller, starring Charisma Carpenter. (2011)

Friday
The Proposal, BBC1, 10.35pm
A Canadian publishing editor working in New York faces deportation to her own country. Desperate to stay in America, she offers her assistant a promotion if he will marry her, but an immigration official becomes suspicious and the pair are forced to go to desperate lengths to look like a happy couple. Romantic comedy, starring Sandra Bullock and Ryan Reynolds. (2009)

Pick of the Week

Everyday menus for special occasions

Mary Berry may be 78, an age when most people are concentrating on relaxing rather than reaching the peak of their career, but she's bigger and more popular than ever.

And it's all down to one little programme – The Great British Bake Off.

Nobody could have foreseen what a phenomenon that show would end up being, and how it would suddenly turn Mary into a national treasure.

Okay, so long-standing foodies were already aware of her thanks to her recipe books and earlier TV experiences, but none of those brought her the same kind of exposure as the Bake Off did.

She'll be back for a new run of that later in the year when the show moves to BBC1, but for now, she's on BBC2 again, this time presenting six-part series, in which she offers tips for nervous cooks from her own kitchen.

Mary hopes to inspire people to prepare meals for both everyday and special occasions, including meals that will appeal to every member of the family, young and old.

As ever, Mary delivers her advice in her firm but fair, gentle yet easy-to-understand way – and she likes to keep it straightforward, too.

"First of all, you have to decide what you're going to do," she says when asked for advice on what to cook for a dinner party.

"Go simple and don't try something you haven't done before. It's a good idea to have the first course and the pud chilled, and then you can concentrate on the main meal.

"I don't want anything last-minute because anything can happen. I do try to plan, because I want to be with my guests. It's all about them, and they don't want to see you stressed.

And if you're in the kitchen cooking with them, they can watch you, and people like that."

Unlike some TV chefs, she doesn't like to bombard viewers with ingredients they may never have heard of: "It's very important that the recipes work and contain ingredients that everybody can buy from their local supermarkets." Amen to that!

She kicks off the series by offering ideas for a traditional tea party. You'll certainly never look at sandwiches in the same way again, and will be rushing out to buy the ingredients to make Mary's mouth-watering bite-sized scones too.

Her granddaughters also make a guest appearance while helping her make orange butterfly cakes.

As for Mary's dream guests, who would she choose? Alongside her beloved family, she has a very special couple in mind.

"I would like to have the Duke and Duchess and Cambridge," she smiles. "I did actually meet them while working with the charity Child Bereavement UK. It would be lovely to cook for them because one day he's going to be the king of England.

"I know what they like, because they use my cookery books. I'd have to do a pudding with brandy for Katherine and William, I think, would like tallagio chicken. They are in very good shape so I wouldn't want to go too overboard!"

Mary Berry Cooks, Monday, BBC2, 8.30pm

Best of the Rest

Monday
I Never Knew That About Britain
ITV, 8pm
Author Christopher Winn loves trivia, which is why he came up with the idea for a book called I Never Knew That About England, and when it became a hit, followed it with tomes about Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Each edition featured little-known facts about each country, and went on to be the inspiration for this new, eight-part series. Paul Martin, Suzannah Lipscomb and Steve Mould investigate weird and wonderful places and people from the past, and begin with remarkable tales involving an unsung hero with connections to the Spitfire and, bizarrely, the folding buggy, the Welsh women who battled Napoleon and the chap whose experiments helped the development of pain relief.

Silk
BBC1, 9pm
Writer Peter Moffat's idea for this series was to capture the 'extreme pressure, the hard choices, the ethical dilemmas,' of life as a barrister, and the latest offering does that rather well. Martha (Maxine Peake) is assigned to defend a footballer accused of a pitch assault on another player. Considering the incident had thousands of witnesses, it seems she's finally bitten off more than she can chew. It doesn't help that her client is reluctant to cooperate and help his defence, so she must get him on side to discover a secret he's determined to keep hidden from the football world. Also this week, chambers are shocked by a resignation and Billy (Neil Stuke) takes steps to ensure Shoe Lane's future.

Tuesday
Death in Paradise
BBC1, 9pm
Emma Redding is a retired lifesaver who was due to turn up at a party, but when she doesn't show or answer her phone, it sets alarm bells ringing. Her door is forced open and she's found dead on her bed with an empty packet of sleeping pills at her side. Two key questions dominate the case: how did the alleged killer get out of her locked room, and could one of Emma's so-called friends be the prime suspect?

Wednesday
Left for Dead by the Yorkshire Ripper
Channel 5, 8pm
Be warned: this won't make for easy viewing. However, if anyone's happy putting a challenging and thought-provoking documentary about serial killers out there under an eye-catching title, it's Channel 5. This particularly harrowing film – shown, surprisingly, before the watershed – focuses on one of Britain's most notorious murderers, Peter Sutcliffe, or the Yorkshire Ripper. Over the course of his five-year reign of terror, he killed 13 women and attempted to murder eight more, and we hear from some of those survivors, who recount Sutcliffe's attacks blow-by-blow. They include Marylyn Moore, who has never told her story before on television, and Tracy Browne, who describes how, when she was a 14-year-old schoolgirl, she was attacked as she walked home.

Line of Duty
BBC2, 9pm
Thanks to its authentic police procedural action, the first series of this tense drama is one of the more compelling examples of its genre we have seen in a long while. This series has been progressing at a real pace, and tonight sees Arnott uncover evidence that a tracker had been planted on one of the vehicles in the police convoy which was ambushed. Sole survivor Lindsay Denton, meanwhile, implies that Deputy Chief Constable Dryden was embroiled in a wider conspiracy – and when a series of video recordings made by the witness while in protective custody are discovered, it's not long before the AC-12 officers begin to realise she's right – but it may be too late as she's in danger.

Line of Duty, Wednesday, BBC2, 9pm

Thursday
Coronation Street: A Moving Story
ITV, 9pm
For more than half a century, Coronation Street has captured the hearts of the nation from the same location in Manchester. However, all that has changed recently. During the past two years a new set has been built to house the Rovers Return, Dev's shop, Underworld, and all those beloved homes. Of course for many long-term residents of the Street it's been an emotional upheaval moving to a different set. Here, cameras cover the final week of filming in December 2013 at Granada Studios, and document the cast and crew's move two miles away to MediaCity UK at Salford Quays.

DIY SOS: The Big Build
BBC1, 9pm
BBC golden boy Nick Knowles is a busy man at the moment – if he's not doting on his pregnant wife ahead the birth of their baby boy in the summer, he can usually be found doling out good news in various National Lottery game shows of a Saturday evening. He's going to meet himself coming backwards one of these days, but no matter how hectic his schedule gets, he'll always have time for DIY SOS. This week, he and the team are coming to the aid of Paul Makings, whose wife died shortly after she gave birth to their sixth child.

Friday
Gogglebox
Channel 4, 9pm
Okay, watching people watching telly really shouldn't be so addictive. But it is, thanks to this Big Brother-style series which has proved a hit with the nation. Whatever the reason for its likeability, bosses have thought it popular enough to bring it back for a third series, and in a Friday night primetime slot nonetheless. Narrated by Caroline Aherne, the series will feature the opinionated British households that have become so well-recognised, as well as some new faces.

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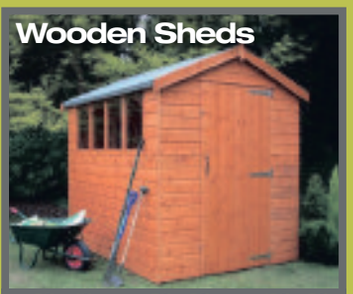
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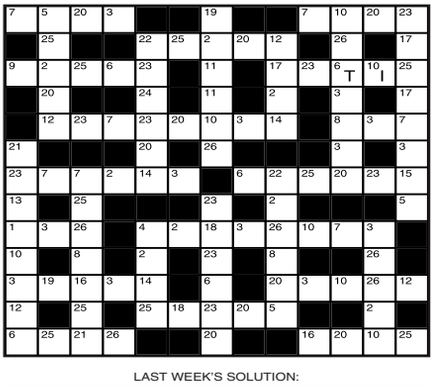


LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
X	F	M	N	E	H	P	D	J	R	T	W	A
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
U	I	S	G	Y	V	K	O	Z	C	Q	L	B

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. Killing time officially (7,6)

8. Don't give up getting the unit back in shape (8)

9. Two-way agreement (4)

10. We arrange sale of an animal (6)

12. Stern test or transaction (6)

14. Inferior type of bangle (6)

16. Mother and son supply fruit (6)

18. It's sung in variations (4)

20. Produce green tea, perhaps (8)

22. Arrogant description of Everest? (4,3,6)

Down

1. The Poles are, but not the N. and S. ones (8)

2. Expresses conditions (6)

3. Soon unknown (4)

4. New radio set of astronomical importance (8)

5. I dread to be attacked (6)

6. A wooden trunk (4)

11. Man in a suit (8)

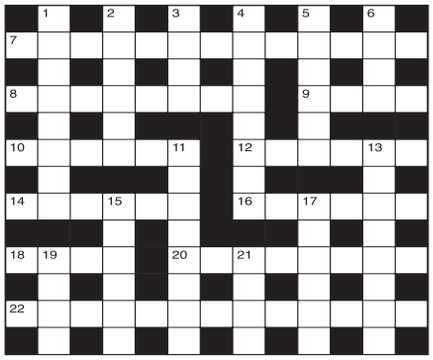
13. A top seat for a renegade (8)

15. Heartily dislike a hotel under reconstruction (6)

17. An illusion of heat (6)

19. It flies or takes a train (4)

21. Possibly mean to call (4)



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1. Point out (8)

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Stud; 8 Infallible; 9 Attended; 10 Ends; 12 Yearly; 14 Eat out; 15 Miller; 17 Stroll; 18 Left; 19 Contract; 21 Man of parts; 22 Hang. Down: 2 Toe the line; 3 Dime; 4 Off day; 5 Pledge; 6 Director; 7 Pews; 11 Double chin; 13 Relation; 16 Recipe; 17 Sundry; 18 Lima; 20 Rush. QUICK - Across: 1 Lass; 8 Triumphant; 9 Complete; 10 Seep; 12 Artist; 14 Evince; 15 Static; 17 Treble; 18 Scar; 19 Maneater; 21 Felicitous; 22 Over. Down: 2 Autocratic; 3 Stop; 4 Divest; 5 Impede; 6 Chastise; 7 Step; 11 Excellence; 13 Intermix; 16 Commit; 17 Tendon; 18 Sift; 20 Also.

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REVIEWS

Night of Rioja and a rumba

Gipsy Kings, Civic Hall

THE relentless propulsion of six acoustic guitars and the passionate full-throated vocals of Nicolas Reyes brought the warmth of the Mediterranean to a cold night in Wolverhampton with The Gipsy Kings.

The combination of their irresistible 'rumba flamenca' style and possibly a few glasses of Rioja meant a troupe of middle-aged ladies were dancing in the aisles by the third number as the portly French-Spanish gipsy musicians hit their stride.

The Grammy-award winners saved the best known numbers for last but Bamboleo instead of being greeted by dancing was met by an audience more intent on recording it on their camera phones. But no one could resist joining in with the encore, Volare.

LEON BURAKOWSKI

This charming Essex chick with a touch of common

STAR of stage and screen, cheeky Essex chick Denise Van Outen, has unique appeal – guys fancy her and girls relate to her.

Review by Alison Norton Some Girl I Used To Know W'ton Grand Theatre

So it is no surprise that her one woman show, Some Girl I Used to Know, has received rave reviews and standing ovations on its 2014 tour so far.

And last week it was our turn to enjoy her very special brand of charm with just a touch of common, as she opened at the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre for a three-night run which ended on Saturday.

Don't get me wrong, Tell Me on a Sunday it ain't, but this snapshot into the life of a successful business woman, Stephanie, who takes a nostalgic and amusing, but also often painful trip down memory lane, is just as entertaining in its own way.

It follows high-flying wife and career girl Stephanie Canworth on a musical journey down memory lane. Stephanie has it all — a successful career, supportive husband and she's a media darling.

But a Facebook poke from a former love and the memories come flooding back

It's a mixture of girly gags, slightly smutty, but very real comedy and life experiences, with hits of the 80s and 90s woven into the story for good measure. It was a must see for Denise devotees and those who simply want to sit back, relax and be entertained.

ALISON NORTON

The masters of their crafts

McCusker, McGoldrick and Doyle MAC Birmingham

HAVE you heard the one about the Scotsman, the Englishman and the Irishman . . . they got together and created some glorious Celtic/ folk music.

Never ones to short change, John McCusker mostly on fiddle, Michael McGoldrick on flute, whistle and uillean pipes and John Doyle on a range of guitars and vocals opened with an instrumental which was almost 10 minutes long.

Individually the three musicians, who are regulars with the Transatlantic Sessions, are masters of their craft but together they produce a blend of sound which is magical, evocative and encompasses everything which is good with folk music.

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VICTORIA ROAD £100,000

"VICTORIAN END TERRACE PROPERTY REQUIRES VIEWING TO FULLY APPRECIATE & IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED FOR WEDNESFIELD SHOPPING CENTRE & NEW CROSS HOSPITAL" Comprising hall, lounge, sitting room/ dining room, kitchen, utility, 2 double bedrooms, LARGE UPSTAIRS FEATURE BATHROOM, two part large rear garden. Energy Rating F

WARSTONES
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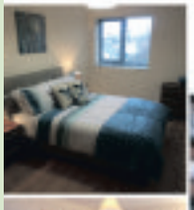

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£119,950

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£104,950

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Reduced to £115,00

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NALLY DRIVE
COSELEY
● Semi-detached family home ● Three double bedrooms ● Secure off road parking ● Lounge plus sitting room ● Downstairs WC ● Useful storage areas ● Shower room ● Energy Rating D
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FINCHFIELD LANE
FINCHFIELD
● Well maintained extended semi-detached ● Three double bedrooms ● Spacious living room with dining area ● Double glazed conservatory ● Breakfast kitchen plus utility ● Downstairs shower room ● Modernised first floor bathroom ● Garage & Off road parking ● Pleasant rear garden ● VIEWING RECOMMENDED ● Energy Rating D
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£575 PCM

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● Traditional town house ● Three bedrooms ● Two reception rooms ● Kitchen & side entry ● Double glazing ● gas c/heating ● Luxury bathroom ● Front & rear gardens ● Energy rating 'D'
£550 PCM

NEW

BILSTON
ASHLEY STREET
● Beautifully presented mid terraced property ● Two bedrooms ● c/heating & d/glazed windows ● Kitchen with appliances ● Utility ● Luxury bathroom ● Rear garden ● Energy rating 'E'
£525 PCM

BILSTON
ST CHADS ROAD
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£525 PCM

NEW

WEDNESFIELD
WODEN CRESCENT
● Beautifully presented semi detached ● Two bedrooms ● C/heated & UPVC d/glazing ● Conservatory ● Fitted kitchen with appliances ●Off road parking & rear garden ● Energy Rating 'TBC'
£500 PCM

BILSTON
HORACE STREET
● Modern style mid terraced property ● Fitted Kitchen ● Bathroom with bath & shower ● Two bedrooms ● C/heated & d/glazed ● Rear garden ● Off road parking ● Energy Rating 'C'
£495 PCM

WILLENHALL
WALSALL ROAD
● Modern three storey end town house ● Three bedrooms ● En-suite ● Fitted kitchen ● Lounge ● guest wc ● D/glazing & gas c/heating ● Rear Garden ● Garage ● Energy rating 'C'
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WILLENHALL
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£495 PCM

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£495 PCM

NEW

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£495 PCM

NEW

WILLENHALL
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£475 PCM

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. Exceptional kitchen
. Three bedrooms and shower room
£110,000

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- Ideal family home with gas central heating
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- 3 bedrooms, bathroom, parking & garage
- Energy rating TBC

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- Energy rating D

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. Two bedrooms plus bathroom
. Good sized garden
. EPC D
£109,950

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. Two reception rooms
. Ground floor bathroom
. EPC E
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. Energy performance tbc
£129,995

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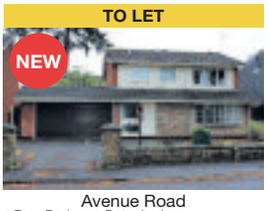

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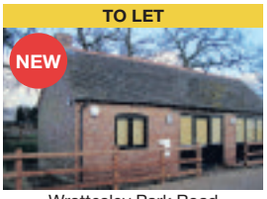

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- EPC rating = D

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TO LET

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- Available now
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- DHSS accepted
- EPC = E

£500 PCM

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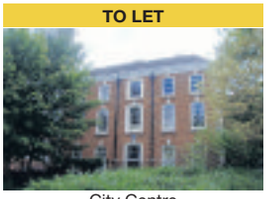

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OXLEY

Stafford Road
This spacious semi detached property requires internal viewing to fully appreciate the size of accommodation on offer which in brief comprises, Entrance porch, entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, two further reception rooms, utility, guest w/c, kitchen, five bedrooms and a family bathroom. The property also benefits from gas central heating, double glazing, off road parking and enclosed rear garden. EPC rating = C

£160,000

WEDNESFIELD

Prestwood Road West
ATTENTION INVESTORS. This property used to comprise of two appartments both of which where two bedrooms with their own access however was changed by the current owners into a four bedroom semi however could be potentially converted back (subject to planning permissions) EPC rating = E

£140,000 OIEO

DUNSTALL

Carter Road
A three bedroom terraced property situated in close proximity to local schools, shops and amenities. The accommodation on offer comprises, entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom and three bedrooms, the property also benefits from gas central heating. EPC rating = D

£65,000

OXLEY

Church Road
A recently renovated traditional bay fronted semi detached property, lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, three bedrooms and shower room. Off road parking and shared driveway leading to garage, double glazing, gas central heating NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC rating = F

£130,000

COMPTON

Forton Close
A 1970`s four bedroom detached family home offering spacious accommodation which requires internal viewing to be fully appreciated. Situated on a corner plot in a cul-de-sac in the popular area of Compton. EPC rating = E

£240,000

TELFORD

The Kinver
●●PART EXCHANGE AVAILABLE●● The Kinver offers spacious accommodation over three floors in brief comprising; entrance hallway, guest W/C, dining room, kitchen with breakfast area, lounge, family bathroom and three bedrooms with en-suite shower room to master.

£209,750

MUXTON

The Lever Special
A brand new end terraced property with carport, three bedrooms with en-suite to the master, part exchange available, help to buy scheme available, other styles also available call for more information.

£209,750

PARK VILLAGE

Leslie Road
An ideal buy to let or first time buyer purchase on the traditional terraced property situated in close proximity to local schools, shops, ammenities, In brief the accommodation on offer comprises; entrance hallway, front reception room, rear reception room, kitchen, bathroom, verandah and three bedrooms. Internal viewing recommended to appreciate the size of accommodation on offer. The property also benefits from gas central heating and double glazing. epc rating = D

£72,500

TIVIDALE

Cartwright Garden
INTERNAL VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO APPRECIATE THE SIZE OF ACCOMMODATION ON OFFER,
In brief the property offer spacious accommodation which briefly comprises, entrance porch, dining area, lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms and family bathroom. The property also benefits from gas central heating, double glazing, off road parking and enclosed rear garden. EPC rating = C

£129,950

DARLASTON

Johnson Road
An extended three bedroom end terraced property which needs viewing internally to fully appreciate the size of accommodation this property has to offer which in brief comprises; entrance porch, entrance hallway, kitchen, lounge, three bedrooms and family bathroom. The property also benefits from being in a cul-de-sac location, a driveway providing off road parking, gas central heating, double glazing and garage in a nearby block. EPC rating = E

£130,000

TIPTON

Cupfields Avenue
A mid terraced property which requires internal viewing to appreciate the accommodation on offer which briefly comprises; entrance hall, lounge, kitchen diner, three bedrooms and re-fitted bathroom. The property also benefits from gas central heating, double glazing and enclosed rear garden. EPC rating = D

£100,000

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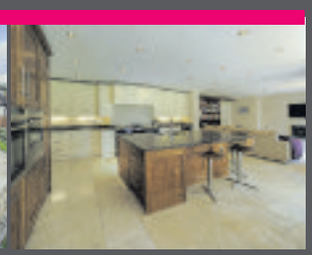

FIRST ADVERT

The Yewlands, Tettenhall,

◆ Outstanding, immaculately presented 5 bedroom character property with extensive grounds ◆ Elegant period features ◆ Superlative appointments ◆ Natural stone, granite and marble ◆ Spacious hall with oak flooring ◆ Stunning open plan kitchen, breakfast and sitting room ◆ Excellent utility room/second kitchen ◆ Dining Room ◆ Impressive lounge ◆ Family room/study ◆ Cloakroom ◆ Stunning master bedroom with exquisite ensuite ◆ Three further large bedrooms one with ensuite ◆ House bathroom ◆ Double garage with bedroom 5 with ensuite ◆ Sweeping drive with two sets of remote controlled double gates ◆ Gravelled forecourt with off road parking ◆ Paddock with stable available to rent ◆ Separate detached beautifully presented two/three bedroomed coach house with scope to enlarge or redevelop subject to planning or potential rental ◆ EPC E

Guide Price £1,150,000 including Detached Coach House

NEW PRICE

Duneden, Wombourne,

◆ Spectacular period property in beautifully mature grounds of approx 2 acres ◆ Entrance hall with gallery ◆ Drawing room ◆ Three further reception rooms ◆ Breakfast kitchen ◆ Utility and two further rooms which might convert into separate annex ◆ Master bedroom with ensuite and roof terrace ◆ Five further bedrooms ◆ House bathroom ◆ Double garage ◆ EPC E

Guide Price £895,000

NEW

27 Oaken Lanes, Codsall,

◆ Internal inspection imperative! ◆ Traditional detached property with 8 BEDROOMS! ◆ 3 storeys ◆ Family room ◆ Lounge ◆ Dining room ◆ Stunning breakfast kitchen ◆ Laundry room ◆ Large cinema/ leisure room ◆ Cloak room ◆ W/c ◆ Technical cupboard ◆ Family bathroom ◆ Master bedroom with dressing room and ensuite ◆ 7 further bedrooms, 2 with ensuite bathrooms ◆ All main rooms and all bedrooms (even bathroom) have tv wall point and most wired for "Sonas" system ◆ Completely refurbished to interior design specification with no expense spared ◆ Gas central heating and electric underfloor heating ◆ uPVC double glazing ◆ Private rear garden with heated swimming pool ◆ Garage ◆ Off road parking for several cars ◆ Electric gates ◆ EPC TBC

Guide Price £895,000

NEW PRICE

78 Wrottesley Road, Tettenhall,

◆ Substantial detached property with self contained one bedroomed flat ◆ Three reception rooms ◆ Breakfast kitchen ◆ Five bedrooms ◆ Generous ensuite and house bathroom ◆ Exceptional loft room ◆ Triple length garage ◆ One bed flat ◆ Lounge/ bedroom/ kitchen/ bathroom ◆ Excellent drive and garden ◆ EPC D

Guide Price £699,950

NEW PRICE

Nurton Farm House, Pattingham,

◆ REDUCED BY £100,000 ◆ Imposing detached residence ◆ Drawing Room ◆ Sitting/Dining Room ◆ Conservatory ◆ Study/Office ◆ Breakfast Kitchen ◆ Utility/Laundry ◆ Master Bedroom with en-suite ◆ Second Bedroom with en-suite ◆ Two further Bedrooms ◆ Bathroom ◆ Double-width Garage ◆ Landscaped gardens plus paddocks with stabling approx 4 1/2 acres ◆ House without land £595,000 ◆ EPC E

Guide Price £650,000

NEW PRICE

The Willows, 3 Wrekin Lane, Tettenhall,

◆ Stunning detached on substantial corner plot offering generous living accomodation ◆ Further scope to enlarge subject to planning permission ◆ 22ft x 17ft lounge ◆ 25ft x 20ft living room ◆ Breakfast kitchen with utility off ◆ Study ◆ Master bedroom with ensuite ◆ Three further bedrooms ◆ House bathroom ◆ 25ft loft room ◆ Double garage ◆ Beautifully landscaped gardens ◆ EPC D

Guide Price £399,000

NEW

2 Midhurst Grove, Tettenhall,

◆ 4 bedroom modern detached ◆ Prime corner plot ◆ Ex show house ◆ Through lounge ◆ Dining room ◆ Huge L-shaped conservatory ◆ Breakfast kitchen ◆ Cloakroom ◆ Master bedroom with ensuite ◆ 3 further bedrooms ◆ Family bathroom ◆ Separate double garage block ◆ Off road parking ◆ Private southerly facing garden ◆ EPC D

Guide Price £389,950

NEW PRICE

58 Bridgnorth Road, Wombourne,

◆ Three bedroom traditional detached ◆ Tremendous scope for extension subject to planning permission ◆ Edge of green belt ◆ Open views ◆ Good sized plot ◆ Through lounge/ dining room ◆ Large Breakfast Kitchen ◆ Study ◆ Cloaks lobby with separate w/c ◆ Family bathroom ◆ Pretty gardens ◆ EPC E

Guide Price £279,950

NEW

22 Hinckes Road, Tettenhall,

◆ 3 bed traditional detached ◆ Extended at the back ◆ Lounge ◆ Dining room ◆ Breakfast kitchen ◆ Utility room ◆ Separate study/ workshop ◆ Cloakroom ◆ 3 bedrooms ◆ Bathroom ◆ Private garden ◆ Gas central heating ◆ uPVC double glazed windows ◆ Stripped pine doors downstairs ◆ Garage ◆ Driveway with off road parking for up to three cars ◆ EPC E

Guide Price £265,000

NEW

19 Newgate, Pattingham,

◆ Detached property ◆ Cul-de-sac location ◆ Close to village centre and school ◆ Excellent family accommodation ◆ Spacious lounge ◆ Dining room ◆ Excellent breakfast kitchen ◆ Utility room ◆ Office/study ◆ Cloakroom ◆ Master bedroom with ensuite ◆ Three further bedrooms ◆ House bathroom ◆ Double glazing and central heating ◆ Pleasant garden ◆ EPC TBC

Guide Price £265,000

NEW

36 Delaware Avenue, Albrighton,

◆ Four double bedroomed semi-detached ◆ Lovely condition ◆ Close to village centre with excellent amenities ◆ Lounge ◆ Extended dining room ◆ Study ◆ Fitted kitchen ◆ Utility ◆ Master bedroom with ensuite bathroom ◆ House bathroom ◆ Garage ◆ Gas fired central heating ◆ Double glazed ◆ Landscaped rear garden ◆ EPC D

Guide Price £239,950

NEW PRICE

29 Forton Close, Compton,

◆ Modern 3 bedroom detached ◆ Quiet cul de sac position ◆ Open plan lounge/diner ◆ Breakfast kitchen ◆ Utility room ◆ Cloakroom ◆ Master bedrom with ensuite ◆ Two further bedrooms ◆ Family bathroom ◆ Corner plot ◆ Terraced rear garden ◆ Double length garage ◆ Off road parking ◆ Scope for extension at first floor level, subject to planning permission ◆ EPC D

Guide Price £235,000

NEW PRICE

6 Formby Avenue, Perton,

◆ Attractive detached residence ◆ Corner plot within cul-de-sac location ◆ Cloakroom ◆ Bay-fronted Lounge with limestone fireplace ◆ Additional Sitting Room ◆ Separate Dining Room ◆ Exceptional Conservatory ◆ Stylish Kitchen ◆ Master Bedroom with en-suite Shower Room ◆ Three further Bedrooms ◆ Bathroom including shower ◆ Garage ◆ South-facing rear garden ◆ EPC D

Guide Price £229,950

NEW

51 Ellards Drive, Wednesfield,

◆ Attractive beautifully presented three bedroom mid terrace family home ◆ Entrance hall ◆ Cloakroom ◆ Breakfast Kitchen ◆ Conservatory ◆ Lounge ◆ Two first floor bedrooms ◆ Family bathroom ◆ Second floor master bedroom with ensuite shower room ◆ Garage ◆ Driveway ◆ Enclosed rear garden ◆ EPC C

Guide Price £175,000

NEW

42 Codsall Road, Tettenhall,

◆ A well maintained three bedroom semi-detached property ◆ Entrance hall ◆ Lounge ◆ Dining/sitting room ◆ Kitchen ◆ Three Bedrooms ◆ Family bathroom ◆ Separate WC ◆ Large rear garden ◆ Large detached self contained office ◆ Garage ◆ Driveway ◆ EPC D

Guide Price £169,950

NEW

Flat 3 Horsehills House, Compton,

◆ Recently refurbished first floor two bedroom apartment ◆ Part of a block of three well maintained apartments ◆ Prime location ◆ Entrance hall ◆ Lounge with open plan kitchen area ◆ Two bedrooms ◆ Family bathroom ◆ Garage ◆ Off road parking ◆ EPC D

Guide Price £117,500

NEW

1 Beechwood Court, Tettenhall,

◆ Well presented and proportioned one bedroom ground floor retirement apartment ◆ Entrance hall ◆ Lounge ◆ Kitchen with window ◆ Double bedroom ◆ Shower room ◆ Direct garden access ◆ Care line link service in each room ◆ Communal residents lounge ◆ Over 60's accommodation ◆ EPC C

Guide Price £84,950

NEW

Tempest Street, Wolverhampton,

◆ Contemporary two bedroom apartments ◆ Heart of the City Centre ◆ Entrance vestibule ◆ Open plan kitchen, dining and living area with modern fitted kitchen ◆ Balcony ◆ Master bedroom with ensuite shower room ◆ 2nd double bedroom ◆ Modern white bathroom ◆ Ideally located for Bus and Train Station ◆ Secure off road parking ◆ £575 - £600 pcm with £180 Application Fee ◆ EPC C

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CHURCH HILL ROAD £650,000
TETTENHALL

Set back from the road in approximately 0.4 of an acre of mature gardens this spacious Period detached residence briefly comprises entrance hall, reception hall, open dining room, drawing room, sitting room/study, hand crafted breakfast kitchen, laundry, a choice of 5 bedrooms (4 double)- master en-suite, house bathroom, good size driveway, double garage with electric door and mature gardens. EPC=E52

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GROVE LANE £400,000
WIGHTWICK

Occupying an elevated position this exceptionally spacious detached property offers versatile living accommodation laid out over three levels and briefly comprises porch, entrance hall, cloakroom, open plan dining kitchen,sitting room, study, utility, separate wc, 5 bedrooms- master en-suite, shower room and wash room, off street parking, integral double garage, landscaped gardens with a wooded aspect EPC=E50

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BELLFIELD FARM £350,000
STRETTON

Situated within this small select development this spacious barn conversion briefly comprises L shaped entrance hall, fitted cloakroom, lounge with cast iron stove, sitting room, excellent garden/ dining room, 4 double bedrooms- master en-suite, jack & jill family bathroom, oil fired central heating, allocated parking, garage in adjacent block and enclosed rear garden. EPC=C74

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MOUNT ROAD £335,000
PENN

Screened back from the road period detached residence retains many of its original traditional features and briefly comprises entrance hall with parquet flooring, sitting room with feature fireplace, dining room with feature fireplace, extended refitted breakfast kitchen, cellar, fitted cloakroom, 4 good size bedrooms, refitted bathroom, ample off street parking, detached garage/stores and mature rear garden. EPC=TBA

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THE NURSERIES, £325,000
COVEN

Occupying a choice position within this generous plot this deceptive detached family home briefly comprises entrance hall, living room, conservatory, sitting room /study, fitted breakfast kitchen with built in appliances, cloakroom, utility, four bedrooms- master en-suite, bathroom, adjacent double garage with first floor hobby/ games room, ample parking and a large enclosed private rear garden.EPC=C70

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ROCK COTTAGES £310,000
TETTENHALL

This delightful semi detached property briefly comprises exposed pitched timber canopy porch, entrance hall with parquet flooring, extended sitting room with feature oak fireplace, dining room with feature oak leaded windows, extended breakfast kitchen, utility / cloaks, part galleried landing, 3 good size bedrooms, Victorian style bathroom suite with separate shower cubicle, walled parking and adjacent garage. EPC=D56

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LABURNUM COTTAGE £289,950
PATTINGHAM

This Grade II Listed Period Cottage briefly comprises dining hall with dual sweeping feature staircase, rear entrance hall with fitted cloakroom, sitting room with multi fuel stove and feature stone fireplace, breakfast kitchen, oil fired central heating and double glazing where stated, a choice of 3 double bedrooms- master ensuite, Victorian style bathroom suite, walled courtyard, garage and parking. EPC=E52

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THE SPINNEY £235,000
FINCHFIELD

This detached bungalow sits on an extensive plot in this popular residential area and includes a good size entrance hall, excellent living room overlooking the rear garden, breakfast kitchen with built in appliances, a choice of two double bedrooms and refitted bathroom, GCH and part hard wood glazing, ample parking, garage, workshop and a mature and private rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN EPC=D61

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THE TOWER HOUSE £199,950
SEDGLEY ROAD

Enjoying lovely views over Penn Common and beyond this Traditional two storey Town House located on the ground and first floors of 'The Tower' has been modernized and sympathetically restyled but still retains much character and briefly comprises open plan entrance and refitted kitchen, separate dining area, sitting room, two double bedrooms with lovely views, bathroom, courtyard and ample off road parking. EPC=F31

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REGIS ROAD £167,000
TETTENHALL

Occupying a choice position overlooking allotments this deceptively spacious semi detached property has been sympathetically extended and restyled and briefly comprises entrance hall, full width sitting room, family/dining room, extended kitchen, utility & cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom, off street parking, carport and good size mature rear garden. EPC=E52

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NO CHAIN

Braitch Estate Agents are pleased to offer this this Modern style apartment is set within the popular City Centre development of "The Curve". Located in the city centre, good local amenities and easy access to transport links. Briefly comprises entrance hall, open plan lounge/kitchen offering an integrated electric oven with hob over and washing machine, bedroom, bathroom, UPVC double glazed throughout, telephone style security intercom and secure gated parking. An internal viewing is strongly recommended to appreciate the high standard of living accommodation this property has to offer.

Offers in the region of £79,995

24 Linton Road, Penn, Wolverhampton WV4 4DS

SOLD

REDUCED Braitch Estate Agents are pleased to offer this No chain! Three bedroom semi detached property located within popular Penn road. The property has Two Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Utility Room, Bathroom, Separate WC and Study/Dressing Room. The property is double glazed to the majority and has gas fired central heating system, there is also a Veranda across the rear overlooking the rear garden.

Offers in the region of £160,000

2 Chillington Fields, Wolverhampton WV1 2BY

Braitch Estate Agents are pleased to offer this six bedroom semi-detached property located within a well-established neighbourhood with good local amenities and particular easy access into the city center. In need of modernization this property would be a good investment. The property has six bedrooms, 3 large reception rooms, 2 bathrooms and double glazing.

Offers in the region of £150,000

35 Carter Road, Wolverhampton WV6 0PF

Braitch Estate Agents are pleased to offer this, recently refurbished, three bedroom spacious property situated in the Whitmore Reans area of Wolverhampton with good local amenities. Being sold with tenants in situ the property compromises the following, two spacious reception rooms, fitted kitchen, fitted family bathroom on the ground floor, upstairs the property has two double sized bedrooms and one single bedroom. The property is double glazed throughout and has gas central heating system.

Offers in the region of £79,950

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TO LET

3a Park Lane, Wednesbury

Braitch Estate Agents are pleased to offer this 2 bedroom self contained flat with double glazing and central heating. This popular road has excellent transport links and local amenities. The flat briefly comprises a lounge, kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom and parking at rear after 6pm with security cameras and lights.

£425 pcm

NEW

25 Welney Gardens, Wolverhampton

Braitch Estate Agents are pleased to offer this four bedroom detached house situated in A pleasant cul-de-sac location, briefly comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility area, conservatory, four bedrooms, en-suite, bathroom, off road parking and garage, front and rear gardens.

♦THERE WILL BE A £75 CHARGE PER TENANT FOR A TENANT CREDIT CHECK♦

£675 pcm

NEW

5 Probert Road, Wolverhampton

Braitch Estate Agents are pleased to offer this 3 bedroom semi-detached property recently decorated and new carpets fitted throughout, close to local amenities, schools and main transport route. The property provides good value accomodation, briefly comprises of:- entrance hall, lounge, dining room, and kitchen to the ground floor whilst to the first floor there are three bedrooms and a bathroom. Externally there is off road parking, front and rear gardens. Double glazing were specified, gas central heating. Viewing is highly recommended.

£575 pcm

NEW

23 Poplar Street, Wolverhampton

Braitch Estate Agents are pleased to offer this three bedroom mid-terraced property. Situated in a quiet cul-de-sac the property has shops and schools in the vicinity and good access links into the City Centre. The property comprises:- Two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, fitted bathroom, double glazing and gas central heating.

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£525 pcm

NEW

197c Coalway Road, Wolverhampton WV3 7NG

Braitch Estate Agents are pleased to offer this self contained first floor flat situated in a convenient location. The accommodation comprises :- Lounge, Kitchenette, Bedroom & Bathroom. The property is double glazed and available part furnished with washing machine, fridge with draw freezer, carpets and curtins and the benefit of electric heating and parking space. Council Tax Band A.

£325 pcm

LET AGREED

88 Lime Street, Wolverhampton WV3 0EX

REDUCED Braitch Estate Agents are pleased to offer this 3 bedroom terraced property situated in the heart of Pennfields, having access to the City Centre and excellent transport links and amenities. Briefly comprises, reception, lounge, kitchen, utility room, downstairs bathroom. Recently redecorated.

£425 pcm

LET AGREED

39 Reansway Square, Wolverhampton WV6 0EY

REDUCED Braitch Estate Agents are pleased to off this 2 bedroom semi-detached property located in a quiet residential cul-de-sac, with good local amenities and bus route into city centre. Property comprises of double glazing throughout, modern kitchen, large lounge with patio doors leading to rear garden. Upstairs there are 2 bedrooms, family bathroom with shower. Property also benefits from off road parking and garage.

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FIRST ADVERTISEMENT

● Exceptionally attractive modern detached residence in excellent position on the very outskirts of this highly favoured village with superb selection of amenities ● Ideal family accommodation featuring particularly good standard of appointment ● Hall with fitted Cloakroom ● Large Lounge with marble fireplace ● Separate Dining Room ● Stylish Conservatory ● Spacious Breakfast Kitchen with impressive range of fittings and appliances plus adjoining Laundry ● Four well proportioned Bedrooms, three with wardrobes ● Two en-suite Shower Rooms ● Principal Bathroom ● Gas-fired central heating ● Double glazed windows ● Double-width Garage plus forecourt parking ● Lovely landscaped garden with southerly aspect. (EPC:C)

OFFERS AROUND £365,000

WIGHTWICK

FIRST ADVERTISEMENT

● Spacious detached residence enjoying very pleasant setting in exclusive locality within the much favoured western outskirts of the city ● Generously proportioned accommodation of versatile layout and attractively upgraded specification ● Fitted Cloakroom off Hall ● Superb open plan living space providing large Lounge (approx. 320 sq.ft!) with adjacent Dining Area (easily separated) ● Sitting Room / fourth Bedroom ● Nicely appointed Breakfast Kitchen with coordinating Laundry adjoining ● Three first floor Bedrooms, all with wardrobes ● Stylish Bathroom and separate Toilet ● Gas-fired central heating ● Partial double glazing ● Double-width Garage plus forecourt parking ● Neatly landscaped garden with pleasant aspects.(EPC:E)

OFFERS AROUND £349,950

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GUIDE PRICE STARTING FROM £299,950

WOMBOURNE

FIRST ADVERTISEMENT

PLANKS LANE ● Conveniently positioned and well-proportioned modern style 4 Bed Detached with Conservatory situated a short level stroll of the picturesque village centre facilities and handy for local schools ● Roomy interior with Gas CH and uPVC double glazing ● Hall ● Spacious Lounge ● 20ft long Dining Kitchen, stylishly refitted with integrated appliances ● uPVC double glazed Conservatory ● Bedroom 1 with fitted furniture and refitted En-Suite ● 3 further Bedrooms ● House Bathroom and separate Toilet ● Double Garage (with toilet) and parking at rear ● Potential additional parking ● Neat gardens (EPC: tbc)

OFFERS AROUND £279,950

WOMBOURNE

PENLEIGH GARDENS ● Deceptively spacious and elegantly designed modern style 4 Bed Detached popular estate setting off Ounsdale Road, handy for local schools and amenities ● Well-proportioned layout ● Porch and Hall ● Fitted Cloaks ● 21ft Lounge with attractive fireplace and walk-in bay ● Dining Room ● uPVC double glazed Conservatory ● Breakfast Kitchen with appliances ● Utility ● Master Bedroom with wardrobes and stylishly refitted En-Suite ● 3 further Bedrooms ● House Bathroom with white suite ● Garage (currently sub-divided to form home office and store) ● Gas CH and uPVC double glazing ● Wide block-paved driveway ● Enclosed rear garden (EPC: D)

OFFERS AROUND £274,950

WOMBOURNE

OPEN VIEWING

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● ● **OPEN VIEWING THIS SAT 1st MARCH - 11am to 2pm** ● ● ● Superbly presented, significantly enlarged and stylishly appointed modern style 3 Bed Semi in pleasant position on Poolhouse Farm handy for the excellent village facilities and schools ● Entrance Lobby ● Cosy Lounge with impressive fireplace ● Spacious 'L' shaped Kitchen and Breakfast Area comprehensively fitted including range style cooker and integrated fridge, freezer and tumble dryer ● Study or Utility ● 3 Bedrooms ● Bathroom with white suite and shower ● Gas CH and uPVC double glazing ● Integral Garage ● Enclosed rear garden ● Viewing highly recommended!! (EPC: D)

NEW PRICE OFFERS AROUND £144,950

WOMBOURNE

NEW PRICE

BRAMBER DRIVE ● Delightfully positioned 2 Bed traditional style Semi conveniently placed for the excellent village facilities and schools of all grades ● Cosy and compact layout with considerable potential for improvement ● Entrance Hall ● Living Room with attractive fireplace and fitted gas fire ● Kitchen ● Bathroom with modern style suite ● 2 good sized first floor Bedrooms ● Long driveway and low maintenance gardens, particularly private at rear ● Garage ● Gas CH and uPVC double glazing ● An ideal first home! (EPC: D)

OFFERS AROUND £144,950

WOMBOURNE

FIRST ADVERTISEMENT

HAZEL GROVE ● Conveniently positioned 3 Bed Semi-Detached House situated off Bull Meadow Lane in an established residential neighbourhood a short walk of the excellent village facilities and schools ● In need of a scheme of refurbishment and updating the property provides excellent scope for creating a comfortable family home to purchasers requirements ● Porch and Entrance Hall ● Two Living Rooms ● Kitchen ● Rear Lobby with Toilet and Workshop/Store off ● 3 Bedrooms ● Bathroom ● Sizeable rear garden ● An ideal improvement project (EPC: tbc) ● ● NO UPWARD CHAIN ● ●

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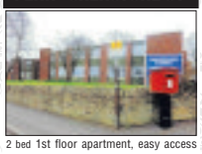

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£249,500

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An attractive and much improved Linked Detached Family House well positioned close to the village centre and handy for a wide range of local facilities. Hall, lounge, well fitted dining kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, CH, uPVC DG, garage, gardens. Energy rating: D

£220,000

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A pleasing Detached Family Residence enjoying an attractive elevated setting in this very popular area just off Buttons Farm Road; excellent local shops, schools and bus services are readily available and Wolverhampton City Centre and the University are within easy travelling distance.. Reception hall, through lounge/dining area, kitchen, freezer room/workshop, toilet, store room/potential utility room. three bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, drive affording ample parking space, garage, private rear garden, further lawned garden at the side, gas central heating, uPVC double glazing. Energy rating: D

£200,000

PENTLAND GARDENS COMPTON

An extended Detached Bungalow of much attraction and charm enjoying a lovely secluded setting in this highly popular neighbourhood. Standing in delightfully landscaped gardens, the property offers: Reception hall, guests cloakroom, fine 21ft lounge, refitted dining kitchen, utility, inner hall, two bedrooms, uPVC double glazed conservatory, deluxe shower room, uPVC DG, CH, garage, workshop/ garden store. Viewing recommended. Energy rating: D

£199,950

ANNE ROAD GOLDTHORN HILL

A considerably extended Linked Semi Detached Family Residence enjoying an attractive secluded setting in this much favoured area. Encl porch, hall, lounge, dining room/sitting room, newly fitted kitchen, cloakroom with w.c., 4 bedrooms, bathroom, part integral garage, CH, majority uPVC DG, gardens. No upward chain. Energy rating: D

Offers £190,000

BELMONT ROAD PENN

Enjoying an attractive elevated setting in this popular road, a considerably extended Detached Family Residence in need of some modernisation and redecoration but affording considerable scope for improvement. Enclosed porch, hall, cloakroom with w.c., dining room, extended lounge, "L" shaped breakfast room/kitchen, utility, three bedrooms, bathroom, loft room conversion, majority uPVC DG, CH, garage, gardens. Early sale desired. Energy rating: D

£180,000

WINDSOR GARDENS CASTLECROFT

A most pleasing Semi Detached Family Residence enjoying an attractive setting in this highly popular area. In need of some updating but affording considerable potential, the property is well positioned for local amenities and within easy travelling distance of Wolverhampton City Centre and the University. Enclosed porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, uPVC DG, GCH, garage, front and rear gardens. Energy rating: E

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MILL LANE TETTENHALL WOOD

Especially attractive Detached Bungalow of traditional character and charm enjoying a gently elevated setting in this highly sought after area. Fine lounge with sitting room/bedroom off, inner hall, well fitted kitchen, principal bedroom, de luxe shower room, dining room, Victorian styled uPVC double glazed conservatory, uPVC DG, CH, ample parking space, lovely, easy to maintain rear garden with feature Chinese styled pagoda. Early sale desired. Part exchange considered. Energy rating: D

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TRYSULL ROAD MERRY HILL

An attractive Semi Detached Family House of traditional character and appeal enjoying a pleasant setting close to a wide range of local amenities. Porch, hall, lounge, dining room, conservatory, extended kitchen, rear lobby/ verandah, three bedrooms, bathroom, uPVC double glazing, CH, ample parking, attractive rear garden. Energy rating: E

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TELFORD GARDENS MERRY HILL

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23 Goodrich Avenue, Perton - £310,000

TETTENHALL

A superb example of its type this detached property has been thoughtfully extended and restyled to create excellent family accommodation and situated in a popular residential area convenient for the majority of amenities.
Entrance Hall * Fitted Cloakroom * Good Size Living Room * Conservatory * L-Shaped Family/Dining Room * Breakfast Kitchen with integrated appliances * Laundry * Tandem Garage * Landing * Three Bedrooms *Family Bathroom * Loft Bedroom with Study Area * Mature Attractive Rear Garden * Gas Central Heating & Mainly Double Glazing * EPC Rating E

15 Tyninghame Avenue - £289,000

TETTENHALL

Occupying a choice cul de sac position in a popular residential location this deceptive detached property has been thoughtfully restyled to provide excellent living accommodation. convenient for the majority of amenities and within walking distance of Tettenhall Wood shops, the well appointed accommodation further comprises:
Reception Hall * Fitted Cloakroom * Open Plan Living Room with Dining Area * Breakfast Kitchen with matching suite of units * Sitting Room/ Study * Utility * Garage * Landing * Four Bedrooms * Master Bedroom Ensuite * Family Bathroom * Rear Garden * Gas Central Heating & Mainly Double Glazing * EPC Rating E

31 Fair Oak Drive - £295,000

BREWOOD

Occupying a pleasant position in a small select cul de sac in the popular rural village of Brewood this detached property is deceptive externally and must be inspected to appreciate the surprisingly spacious interior. Within easy access of the Village centre the property further comprises:
Reception Porch to Entrance Hall * Living Room * Separate Dining Room with archway to Conservatory * Kitchen with matching suite of units & integrated appliances * Utility * Fitted Cloakroom * Garage * Landing * Four Bedrooms * Bathroom with white suite * Enclosed Rear Garden * Gas Centrally Heated & Mainly Double Glazing * EPC Rating D

3 West Hall Close - £295,000

TETTENHALL

Occupying a pleasant position in a small select cul de sac this deceptive detached property has been thoughtfully designed to provide excellent family accommodation incorporating a host of attractive features. The gas centrally heated & mainly double glazed accommodation further comprises:
Entrance Hall * Fitted Cloakroom * Charming Living Room * Separate Dining Room * Double Glazed Conservatory * Fitted Kitchen with matching suite of units & integrated appliances * Landing * Four Bedrooms * Ensuite Shower Room * Family Bathroom * Carport & Garage * Enclosed Rear Garden * EPC Rating D

5 Brompton Lawns - £229,950

WIGHTWICK

Occupying an elevated position overlooking Staffordshire Canal this individually designed detached bungalow provides surprisingly spacious and versatile living accommodation incorporating a host of fine features throughout. An excellent example of its type.
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19 Castlecroft Lane - £275,000

TETTENHALL

Extended four bedroom detached property occupying a choice position screened from the main road convenient for the majority of amenities and enjoying a mature private rear garden. Restyled to provide spacious family accommodation the gas centrally heated and mainly double glazed interior includes:
Reception Hall * Fitted Cloakroom * Open Plan Living Room * Feature Raised Dining Room * Breakfast Kitchen * Utility * First Floor Landing * Four Bedrooms * Good Size Refitted Bathroom * Garage * EPC Rating D * A GOOD SIZE FAMILY HOUSE *

125 Henwood Road - £259,000

MERRIDALE

NEW

Occupying a corner position forming part of a modern development this attractive semi-detached house is convenient for the majority of amenities including Bantock Park and is also within easy access of the city centre. Constructed to a well-planned design utilising the maximum space the gas centrally heated accommodation includes
Entrance Hall * Living Room * Kitchen * Landing * Two Bedrooms * Bathroom * Enclosed Rear Garden with Driveway providing Off Road Parking * EPC Rating E

55 Yew Street - £110,000

TETTENHALL

REDUCED

Situated in a popular residential area convenient for easy access to both Tettenhall & Compton village and the amenities therein this modern detached property has been restyled by the present owners to create a most attractive and contemporary living accommodation. The gas centrally heated and mainly double glazed interior includes:
Entrance Hall * Fitted Cloakroom * Living Room with Dining Area * Refitted Breakfast Kitchen with matching suite of units and integrated appliances * Utility off * Landing * Three Bedrooms * Contemporary Bathroom with white suite * Garage * Mature Enclosed Rear Garden with views over woodland area at rear. EPC Rating E *

234 Henwood Road, Tettenhall - £229,950

PENN

Situated in a popular residential area of Penn convenient for the majority of amenities this impressive duplex penthouse apartment is a superb example of its type offering spacious living accommodation and a host of features throughout. Occupying a second floor position in this Luxury Development the gas centrally heated & mainly double glazed interior includes:
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6 Magnolia Court, Muchall Road - £219,950

BLAKENHALL

NEW

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42 Arthur Street - £89,950

BREWOOD

NEW

Situated in a quite cul de sac in the popular residential area of Brewood, convenient for the majority of amenities this semi-detached bungalow offers surprisingly spacious living accommodation and must be inspected to appreciate this excellent example of its type. The gas centrally heated & mainly double glazed interior includes:
Entrance Hall * Charming Living Room * Fitted Kitchen with matching suite of units * Inner Hall * Master Bedroom with built in furniture * Bedroom Two/ Dining Room * Bedroom Three * Refitted Bathroom with white suite * Detached Garage * Enclosed Rear Garden being landscaped to provide a pleasant outlook whilst maintaining the maximum privacy * EPC Rating D

8 West Hall Close - £185,000

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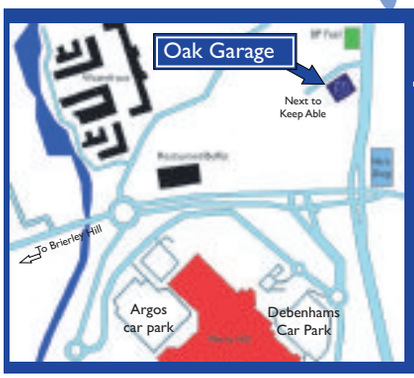

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Drivetime

Vauxhall's Astra GTC is now a bigger performer

A new Astra GTC is now available with a powerful new 1.6-litre direct injection petrol engine, priced from just £20,995 on-the-road.

First seen in the Cascada convertible, and packing 200PS and 300Nm of torque, the all-new, four cylinder unit allows the GTC to achieve a top speed of 143mph and 0-60mph time in 7.3 seconds, making it the fastest non-VXR model in the Astra range.

Peak power and torque are increased by up to 30 per cent over the previous 1.6-litre turbo model, yet fuel consumption of 51mpg combined and emissions of 154g/km have meant a 13 per cent improvement in efficiency.

The new engine brings sector-leading refinement to the Astra GTC range. It is the only unit in its class to feature twin balancer shafts for smooth running, while a host of sound engineering measures have been made for low noise, vibration and harshness (NVH).

Priced from £855, Vauxhall has also introduced the innovative Intellilink infotainment system to the Astra GTC range.

Intuitive and user-friendly, the system features satellite navigation, voice control, Bluetooth phone and audio connectivity, picture viewer and Gracenote album art, all via its high-resolution 7in touch-screen display.

In addition, the top-of-the-range Navi 950 IntelliLink contains Europe-wide street level mapping with updates easily downloadable via USB. Drivers can also have incoming text messages read out to them, as well as integrating their smartphones' own voice recognition functions.

"We've strengthened our Astra GTC offering with a strong and powerful 1.6-litre petrol engine and the cutting-edge Intellilink infotainment system," said Stuart Harris, Vauxhall's head of carline brand.

"Vauxhall is really throwing down the gauntlet to UK coupe sector rivals with these enhancements to our Astra GTC range."

Astra GTCs with the new engine and Intellilink are available to order now with first deliveries expected in the spring.

Lifetime

With the Astra GTC and all models in its passenger car range, Vauxhall gives peace of mind for the life of the vehicle via its industry-leading Lifetime Warranty. Available to the first owner, the warranty is valid for the lifetime of the vehicle up to a maximum of 100,000 miles.

Vauxhall is also making the top-selling Astra available with a super-smooth new generation 1.6 CDTi engine, Vauxhall's cleanest-ever mid-size diesel.

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Quiet and refined, the new 1.6 CDTi is one of the best engines in its class for noise and vibration thanks to an efficient combustion process with multiple injection, re-designed components and the use of acoustic covers.

Already Euro 6-compliant, the engine is best-in-class in noise and vibration generation.

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Drivetime

Chevrolet Captiva is on route to a new era

Get behind the wheel of the Captiva and the raised driving position that SUV customers love so much is present and correct, writes Andy Enright.

The original Captiva featured Chevrolet's first diesel engine of the modern era and though that 150PS 2.0-litre unit was a decent first effort, what was just about acceptable back in 2007 was sounding distinctly rough three years on.

So its replacement in 2011 with the 2.2-litre engine still used here was timely. The entry-level front-driven Captiva has a 163PS version of this unit, but most AWD versions have the torquier 184PS derivative we tried, good for rest to 60 in 9.3 seconds on the way to 124mph in manual form or 9.8 seconds and 118mph if the slight clunkiness of said gearchange causes you instead to opt for the redesigned six-speed automatic transmission.

It's nice to have the extra power, but what we noticed more from this engine on the move is its greater refinement. You do feel the kerb weight of nearly two tonnes as you thread your way through tight bends, but it's nothing you couldn't quite happily live with should the need arise to hurry along your progress.

The on-demand all-wheel drive underpinnings aren't changed in any significant respect but then they didn't need to be.

It isn't a Land Rover-rivalling set-up, aimed more at muddy car parks than mountains, but useful approach and departure angles, Hill Start Assist to get you up steep slopes and Hill Descent Control to help you down them all mean that this car should be able to handle almost anything most owners will come across.

Enhanced

Since 2011, this car has made a more powerful visual statement, something which Chevrolet hopes to have further enhanced with a range of small but significant aesthetic tweaks.

So there are now LED tail lamps, angular chrome exhaust tips and a remodelled bumper.

Up front, there's a smarter lower bumper and a revised grille mesh as well as restyled fog lamps. Stylish 18in alloy wheels hope to further enhance the Captiva's road presence.

As for luggage space, it's predictably mean at 97-litres with all seven seats occupied, though the separately-opening rear window is a neat touch, meaning that you don't need to lug up the rear tailgate if all you want to do is to throw in a sportsbag.

If you do need space for bigger items, you'll find up to 769 litres of fresh air is on offer when, more typically, you're not using the occasional third row of seats. And the five-seat version that doesn't have them adds to that further with an additional storage compartment under the boot floor.

If you're able to fold the 50:50 split-folding second row of seating down as well to create a completely flat loadfloor, then you'll increase your luggage capacity to a useful 1,577 litres.

The Captiva's pricing, sitting in the £21,500 to £31,500 bracket, is a mark of the importer's confidence in what these days is certainly a much better product.

Whichever Captiva you choose – front or all-wheel drive, with 163PS or 184PS versions of the 2.2-litre diesel engine –you should find your car to be decently equipped.

There's now keyless start and entry, plus a dual-zone climate system, an ambient lighting package and heated rear seats provide extra comfort on select specifications.

Even the entry-level front-driven 163PS five-seat version comes complete with air conditioning, Bluetooth compatibility for your mobile phone, a six-speaker MP3 CD system with an AUX-in point, an eight-way adjustable driver's seat, rain sensing wipers, roof rails, 17in alloys, power folding mirrors, an alarm immobiliser and electric windows all round.

Improved

It's a mark of modern engineering that though 2.2-litre 184PS 4WD versions of this Captiva are 25 per cent more powerful than their pre-2011 150PS 2.0-litre predecessors, they're also a good deal more economical, with a combined cycle fuel figure that's improved from a so-so 38.2mpg to a more acceptable 44.1mpg. Not surprisingly, you'll better that further in the minority interest front-driven 163PS version of this car, which delivers 45.5mpg.

It's a similar story with emissions, with the 184PS version of this modern Euro5 compatible 2.2-litre diesel emitting 170g/km against its predecessor's 197g/km. Choose the front-wheel drive 163PS model and this figure drops to 164g/km, so like the more powerful version, you'll find it in the 26 per cent BIK band.

What else? Well residual values are about midfield for a family 4x4 of this type, with a predicted figure of around 38 per cent of new value after three years.

And insurance costs should be competitive, with groupings on the 1-50 scale starting at 27 for the entry-level version and rising no higher than 32 for most mainstream models.

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12/12	Ford Focus Est 1.6 TDCi Zetec 5dr	£11,299
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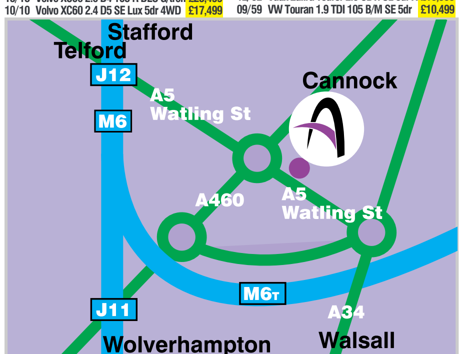

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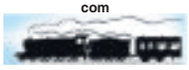

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Staffordshire County Council

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984
PROPOSED 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON B4176 BRIDGNORTH ROAD, SWINDON

1. Staffordshire County Council propose to make a Traffic Order under Sections 84(1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, to impose a 40 mph speed limit on the following length of road:-

   Bridgnorth Road, Swindon – from a point 30 metres east of the junction with Feiashill Road to a point 326 metres east of the junction with Feiashill Road (at the current 40 MPH speed limit)
2. This Order will be called the Staffordshire County Council (40 mph Speed Limit) (B4176 Bridgnorth Road, Swindon) Order 20**.
3. Full details of these proposals are in the draft Order which, together with a map showing the restricted area and a statement of the County Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be inspected during normal office hours at the office of the Deputy Chief Executive & Director for Place; and during normal opening hours at Wombourne Library, Wombourne Community Centre, Church Road, Wombourne or via the internet at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/trafficregulationorders.
4. **IF YOU WISH TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED ORDER YOU SHOULD SEND THE GROUNDS OF YOUR OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE & DIRECTOR FOR PLACE, HIGHWAYS, 1 STAFFORDSHIRE PLACE, TIPPING STREET, STAFFORD, ST16 2LP NOT LATER THAN 20 MARCH 2014 QUOTING REFERENCE HOCPS/TM/TR44/13.**

John Tradewell, Director of Democracy, Law and Transformation,
2 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2LP.

Date: 27 February 2014

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED)
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY NO. 7 BILBROOK PARISH TEMPORARY CLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Staffordshire County Council, on 25 February 2014, made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit any pedestrians, cyclists and horseriders from proceeding along that length of Public Bridleway No. 7 Bilbrook Parish which runs from a point approximately 1134 metres northeast of its junction with Pendeford Hall Lane in a generally easterly, then northerly, then easterly direction for a distance of approximately 150 metres. The closure is required because of the likelihood of danger to the public using the path due to allowance for demolition of the old Middle Lane Bridge to enable completion of the i54 South Staffordshire scheme.

No alternative route is available.

A plan will be displayed showing the length of public bridleway to be closed and unaffected rights of way in the area.

THIS ORDER WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON 1 MARCH 2014 AT 19:00 AND WILL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL 2 MARCH 2014 AT 10:00, OR ALTERNATIVELY 8 MARCH 2014 AT 19:00 AND WILL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL 9 MARCH 2014 AT 10:00, IF THE PREVIOUS STATED DATE OF THE WORKS (1 MARCH 2014) HAS NOT BEEN FULFILLED.

John Tradewell, Director of Law & Governance
1 Staffordshire Place, Stafford. ST16 2LH

Ref: FPM 202; Enquiries: Mr Singer; Tel: 0300 111 8000

Date: 27 February 2014

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ACT 2004
The Staffordshire County Council (South Staffordshire) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) Order No 1 (Amendment) No. 28/20xx

1. Staffordshire County Council propose to make a Traffic Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 47, 49, 53, 124 (1)(d) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and the Traffic Management Act 2004 which will:
   (a) prevent you from parking your vehicle at any time on the following lengths of roads:
   Chapel Lane, Codsall (south side) – from a point approximately 10 metres west of the junction with Broadway in an easterly direction for a distance of approximately 20 metres.
   Broadway, Codsall (both sides) – from its junction with Chapel Lane in a southerly direction for a distance of approximately 11 metres.
2. Exceptions will permit waiting for the purposes of taking up and setting down passengers; loading or unloading goods; for vehicles displaying a Disabled Person's Badge; and where necessary in connection with the maintenance of roads and the supply of gas, electricity, telephones, sewerage services and water and in the service of the Environment Agency; for emergency service vehicles; for vehicles being used for the provision of a universal postal service by a universal service provider; for buses waiting at an authorised bus stop; for vehicles being used for floods defence works or land drainage works; and for so long as is reasonably necessary in connection with any wedding or funeral.
3. This Order will amend the Staffordshire County Council (South Staffordshire) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) Order No 1.
4. This Order will be called the Staffordshire County Council (South Staffordshire) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) Order No 1 (Amendment) No. 28/20xx.
5. This Order will amend the Plans marked AL 269 and AK 269 incorporating waiting restrictions on those roads specified in Article No. 1 above and which form part of the Staffordshire County Council (South Staffordshire) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) Order No 1 and in substitution thereof.
6. Full details of these proposals are in the draft Order which, together with maps showing the roads involved and a statement of the County Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be examined during normal office hours at the office of the Deputy Chief Executive & Director for Place; and during normal opening hours at Codsall Library, South Staffordshire District Council Offices, Wolverhampton Road, Codsall or via the internet at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/trafficregulationorders.
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John Tradewell, Director of Law and Democracy,
2 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2LP.

Date 27 February 2014

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)(ENGLAND) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 (2)(B)OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

I give notice that Severn Trent Water Limited is applying to Staffordshire County Council for planning permission for Installation of kiosk at Land at Coven Heath Sewage Treatment Works.

Application Number : SS.14/04/641 W

The proposed development does not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated as the land lies within the Green Belt.

Members of the public may inspect copies of the application, the plans, and other documents submitted with it at Staffordshire County Council, No. 1 Staffordshire Place, Stafford, ST16 2LP, the offices of South Staffordshire Council, Planning Department, Council Offices, Codsall or at Codsall Library, South Staffordshire Council Offices, Wolverhampton Road, Codsall, during all reasonable hours until 20 March 2014.

The documents are also available on the Staffordshire Planning web page www.staffordshire.gov.uk/planning. Go to the Application Register, enter the application number and click on the 'documents' tab.

The Case Officer who is dealing with this application is **Graham Allen** who can be contacted on 01785 277299.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write, quoting the application number and providing their full address and post code, to Planning, Policy & Development Control (Floor 2), Staffordshire County Council, c/o Wedgwood Building (Block A), Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2DH marked for the attention of the Case Officer referred to above by 20 March 2014. Alternatively you can make your representations via the Staffordshire Planning web page www.staffordshire.gov.uk/planning. Simply go to the Applications Register and enter the application number.

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Signed: Helen Riley
On behalf of Staffordshire County Council

Date : 27 February 2014

DENNIS GRAHAM UNDERHILL (Deceased)
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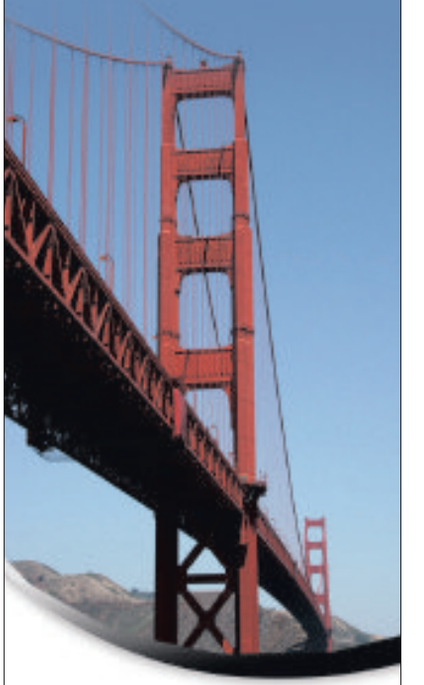

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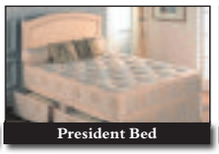

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Clarke will be out for another week

LEON CLARKE has been ruled out of a return to Wolves' promotion juggernaut in Saturday's Staffordshire derby against Port Vale.

It was thought Clarke would be fit for a return against Vale after missing the last two games through suffering a heel injury.

But head coach Kenny Jackett declared his most expensive recruit at £750,000 needs an extra week's recovery from the niggle sustained in training and so will sit out the game at Molineux on Saturday rather than come back too early and possibly suffer later in March which will prove to be a hectic month for his team.

Now the much-travelled signing from Coventry has been pencilled in for a return to contention for the derby at Walsall on March 8.

"I don't think he'll be considered this weekend, but we're hoping for the weekend after. That's the timescale," said Jackett.

"Hopefully the rest will do him good.

"The following game will have been five weeks without playing and that should be enough.

"He hasn't had a setback - it just hasn't come on," added Jackett.

Football

"He's had these targets on other Monday mornings where he's doing x, y and z and then by Thursday and Friday he's back.

"But it just hasn't happened. Hopefully this week it does happen."

Jackett added: "He's on one of our anti-gravity treadmills and he tells me he's up to 80 per cent body-weight on it. By Thursday or Friday he should be training outside."

Jackett stressed that with Wolves facing such a hectic March, they want Clarke to be available for as many games as possible and not be pulling out again through a recurring injury.

"We don't want him to be back to square one after two days' training or two games," he said.

"That's the reason for keeping him out and making sure he's right."

Wolves have beaten Notts County 2-0 and Brentford 3-0 without Clarke as Michael Jacobs has scored four playing in the role earmarked for the 28-year-old, and James Henry netting the other.

But Jackett wants Clarke available again to push others, even though his best chance looks to be from the bench at the moment.

"We're scoring goals, but we'd like him back," said the boss.

"He's a different type to what we have, so to have him around is good - that was the reason for bringing him in."

Clarke looks like facing a fight for his place but Jackett added: "It's not something that concerns me.

"If he comes back and he's on the bench at the start, that's fine," added the Wolves' boss.

We haven't achieved anything yet – Jackett

KENNY Jackett is trying to ground jubilant Wolves by reminding them: 'You haven't achieved anything yet'.

Saturday's 3-0 win at deposed leaders Brentford has made the rest of League One sit up and take notice of Jackett's cock-a-hoop side, however Jackett is anxious to keep the team level headed as there is still a long way to go.

Their sixth win in a row not only ended the Bees' 19-match unbeaten run but put them second and level with leaders Leyton Orient on all but goals scored, the Os having played two games more.

Wolves are now in their best winning run since their seven-in-a-row in November 2008, and two victories off equalling a club-record eight.

They have also kept four successive clean sheets and have gone 426 minutes without conceding, their best since five consecutive shutouts in November and December 2007.

But they are only a point ahead of now third-placed Brentford, and head coach Jackett remains as pragmatic as ever, declaring: "We haven't achieved anything yet.

"It was a great win and we've got a good chance but it was only one day and nothing is easy.

"We have to get over it and start working again very quickly because there's nothing between the teams. We're going to need this level of performance all the way through.

"It's an exciting prospect and everyone in the club has worked very hard in a short space of time to try to turn things around after two successive relegations.

"We've got good momentum and have to continue that."

James Henry's opener

Football

and Michael Jacobs's second successive brace meant the last 10 Wolves goals have been scored by Jackett's signings. And the boss is delighted to have put his stamp on the team.

"I'm pleased but we have to keep trying to improve individuals through coaching and analysing, making sure the squad gets better, and through recruitment," he said.

"As we run into March where we have so many games it's going to be crucial."

Wolves are now preparing for the first of three derbies in four games, with Port Vale at Molineux on Saturday.

The clash at Walsall a week later kicks off a spell of eight games in 25 days. And Jackett stressed the importance of making sure the players get enough rest.

"It's going to be a crucial period," he said. "It's an exciting time and we just have to get the right level of relaxation and play and knowing what it means for the club."

Wolves playmaker Kevin McDonald is being tipped for a Scotland call-up to reward his impressive form. Scotland assistant manager Mark McGhee said McDonald is among a clutch of younger players Gordon Strachan is looking to blood this summer.

James Henry is mobbed after giving Wolves the lead in Saturday's crunch clash at Brentford

Sky is the limit for Jacobs and Wolves

JAMES HENRY says the sky is the limit for Wolves and man of the moment Michael Jacobs.

Wolves' six-match winning run has been partly inspired by Jacobs, who has rattled in four goals in the last two games and six in 15 to prompt what looks like a bargain £150,000 permanent move from Derby.

Henry believes the 22-year-old can help lead Kenny Jackett's side back to the top flight.

"He's a fantastic player and he's done really well playing 'in the hole'," said Henry.

"He's scored four goals in the last two games and I'm delighted he's a Wolves player and not a Derby player.

"The sky is the limit for him.

"The sky is the limit for this team – we can really push on and get this club where it needs to be."

Henry however insisted that while Wolves remain confident after Saturday's landmark 3-0 win at Brentford, they won't let the current run go to their heads.

"Confidence is high, we've definitely got the squad and the players to get promoted and that's everyone's aim," he said.

"But we're not getting carried away because we know it's going to be a tough job. In terms of keeping ourselves up there, it was a big win.

"It's up to us to keep our own momentum going. We try not to focus on other teams if it all possible – it's about what we're doing and what direction this club is going in.

"So it was great for us to keep that momentum going and take it into the last 15 games. We've just got to keep looking up rather than over our shoulders and hopefully we'll get ourselves promoted."

Saturday's visit of Port Vale kicks off a spell on three local derbies in four games with Walsall away followed by Shrewsbury at home, with Swindon away in between.

Henry acknowledges Wolves are there to be shot at – they have been all season – but insists the players have the mental strength to cope with the growing pressure.

"I think that's been the case the whole season – Wolves are a massive club and for whatever reason, it's found itself in League One," said the former Millwall wideman.

"Every club we play against is their chance to shine and they do up their game when they come to Molineux.

"But we're big enough players to take the responsibility on of what it means to play for this club – that's why we're at Wolves and we'll keep playing well every week and trying to win.

"We've got three or four really tough games coming up – three of them derbies – so we're going into every game knowing if we play well and prepare right, we can take all three points."

Jacobs's second successive brace after Henry's opener on Saturday meant all of Wolves' last 10 goals have been scored by Kenny Jackett signings.

Henry believes all seven arrivals have bought into Jackett's pleasing-on-the-eye style of play.

"I think he's brought his own ideas into the club and the seven signings he's made all buy into the style of football he's trying to play and it's paying off," said the 24-year-old.

"There's a great squad – not just those playing – but a squad of 25 players who could all play.

Sides have to share the points with draw

Wednesfield 0
Shawbury Utd 0

WEDNESFIELD got their West Midlands Premier League fixtures back on track with their first game after a six week lay-off due to the weather.

Despite a number of puddles around the centre circle the match went on with title-chasing Shawbury threatening the home goal in the opening minutes as Sean Butler and Lester Alderson wasted good chances.

Wednesfield replied as Thomas Horton's 25 yard shot flew past the far post with Shawbury keeper Nick Ashley scrambling across his goal line.

The home defence stood firm as keeper Sam Arnold made a great point blank save from a Butler overhead kick and this was followed by Kieron Payne heading an Alderson shot off the line.

Wednesfield finished the first half as skipper Josh Jones screwed his shot wide after Ashley had dropped a Kieron Northwood cross.

Northwood was unlucky when his fierce close range shot bounced off Ashley's chest.

With the home side growing in confidence in the second half they matched a Shawbury side who have scored over a hundred league goals from their 29 matches.

Casuals get back in action

Wolverhampton Casuals 3
Shifnal Town 1

WOLVERHAMPTON Casuals returned to West Midlands Premier League action after a four week lay off due to bad weather.

The Shropshire side gave the home side an early fright with Tom Worthington hitting a post in the second minute with keeper Tim Beech beaten. However, Casuals went in front in the sixth minute, Matt Bailey putting the ball beyond the reach of Shifnal keeper Vitor Pinheiro from just inside the penalty area. Shifnal hit back with an equaliser from Worthington in the 25th minute with an excellent finish from 25 yards.

Chris Henry put Casuals back in front four minutes later with a tap in after some good play between Tyrone Clarke and Luke Tudor.

Casuals skipper JJ Melligan, in the 78th minute drilled the ball home from the penalty spot.

McCarey tells of gratitude

AARON MCCAREY has thanked Kenny Jackett for his first-team blooding after the club had been inundated with offers to take a goalkeeper on loan.

McCarey is back in the role of understudy to Carl Ikeme following the first choice's recovery from injury.

But the 22-year-old Irishman is pleased with his first taste of senior duty Wolves after his call in dramatic circumstances for the Gillingham clash.

McCarey was ushered into the starting line-up amid the furore caused by ex-keeper Wayne Hennessey' declining to play.

Willenhall miss out on win in friendly

Aldridge 19
Willenhall 2nds 17

THIS hastily arranged fill-in friendly provided a hard -fought, even contest that ebbed and flowed throughout.

The visitors continually stretched the Aldridge defence and it was beginning to look like they were going to have a rewarding afternoon but the home side remained resolute to the extent that as the break approached all Willenhall had to show for their efforts was a solitary penalty by centre Alan Dyke. A move off the back row some 20 metres out put No.8 Chris Balmforth into space with a lot to do but a determined run, beating off would be tacklers, put him over in the corner. Shortly afterwards, as the break approached, a quickly taken penalty was moved through the hands to prop Tony Harbutt who was the man to cross the line mid way out. No.10 Adam Reed added the conversion.

Aldridge won a penalty try, converted by Reed which gave them what was beginning to look like an unassailable lead.. A try between the posts scored and converted by No.10 Luke Jelf, and in the dying minutes, a second by Alan Dyke, also converted by Jelf, reduced the deficit to 19 – 17 at the end.

Olsson's warning on targets

DEFENDER Jonas Olsson has warned Albion that target-setting could distract them from their survival mission.

The Sweden international insists the Baggies must focus only on their next match against Manchester United – or risk derailing their bid to avoid a drop.

Boss Pepe Mel and captain Chris Brunt claimed last week that the Baggies need at least four wins from their remaining games to stay in the top flight. But Olsson said: "We want to be safe as soon as possible and if you look at it like that you approach games differently. If you're targeting four wins you maybe go into a game thinking 'we need to win this one' you go for it and you open up and you end up losing the game, instead of approaching it normally.

"Of course you try to win every game but the mindset when you think 'we need to win this game' or 'we need this points tally' is dangerous."

Sinclair 'still has a role'

PEPE MEL insists Scott Sinclair has a role to play in Albion's survival fight.

The on-loan winger has made just four Premier League starts for the Baggies and was again an unused substitute against Fulham on Saturday.

But head coach Mel said: "On Friday Scott Sinclair spoke with me.

"I told him he is a good player, a good winger.

"At the moment West Brom need hard work on the pitch.

"But I assured Scott Sinclair he will play in the future. It is normal he is disappointed he is not playing.

"But I can only pick 11 and it is difficult every day."

Unbeaten Khalsa comeback for a draw

Bustleholme 2
Sporting Khalsa 2

KHALSA'S unbeaten run in the league continued, but their 11-match winning streak came to end after having to share the points with relegation threatened Bustleholme at Tipton Sports Academy.

The first chance of the game fell to Mark Habbershaw who somehow missed the ball with an open goal from five yards out.

Liam Hughes showed why he's such a threat in front of goal as he slotted the ball past the keeper to put Khalsa ahead in the 17th minute.

In the 25th minute Bustleholme were awarded a penalty but Kisiel Mariusz saved. Bustleholme got a deserved equalisier in the 40th minute through Jermaine Macfarlane.

Ten minutes into the second half Jermaine Macfarlane scored again to put Bustleholme ahead. From then on Khalsa sparked into life and eventually after several great chances Hayden Williams equalised with a header from a corner with 20 minutes left in the game.

Hutton's exile due to wages

BOSS Paul Lambert has lifted the lid on Alan Hutton's Villa exile and admitted he has been frozen out because he earns too much.

The claret and blues chief has confirmed for the first time financial reasons are behind Hutton's banishment.

The Scotland international – who has been called up by Gordon Strachan to face Poland next month – is on £40,000-a-week at Villa Park.

Hutton has not played for Lambert at Villa with his last appearance coming under Alex McLeish at Tottenham in May, 2012.

And Lambert admitted the right-back, whose contract expires in 2015, will not play again as they look to get him off the wage bill.

"It will be unlikely he will ever play here – he knows that. We need to get the structure down to a level," said Lambert, who has also shipped out big earners Stephen Ireland and Darren Bent.

Saddlers' playoff hopes are dealt a blow

Walsall 1 Crawley 2

Football

THREE games, two demoralising home defeats and just one point is all the Saddlers have to show for a month which has left those riding their play-off bandwagon urgently checking its roadworthiness.

It was capped off on Saturday with a 2-1 home defeat to Crawley, which bore the hallmarks of familiar setbacks.

The visitors, in their first action for four weeks after a weather-enforced lay-off, took advantage of the harshest of penalty awards to snatch an early lead through Mark Tubbs who then doubled the advantage early in the second period.

Walsall showed typical grit and pulled one back through Sam Mantom but ultimately fell short – a fate which might soon befall their play-off hopes.

Momentum

With 14 games to go, it is far too soon to write them off but with big games on the horizon, an upward swing in momentum is needed lest the fat lady begin clearing her throat.

Peterborough's win over Stevenage left the Saddlers five points outside the top six as they enter the eight-game March which has been heralded as make or break. The opening week is about as brutal as League One gets, with trips to Preston and Northampton.

John Gregory's claim it was "one million per cent" a penalty might have been mischievous but the Crawley manager hit the nail on the head when he observed that for all Walsall's pressure in the final half hour, they failed to test visiting keeper Paul Jones.

And there lies the crux of the matter. The Saddlers play excellent football but simply don't score enough goals. Smith's side have hit the net just 37 times in 32 games and ultimately haven't got the firepower to bail out the usually excellent defence when things go wrong.

Last month's 5-1 win at Notts County looked like being the moment they'd cracked it but the next four games have brought just two goals and two points.

Michael Ngoo joined on loan from Liverpool in the hope of adding an extra string to the attacking bow but if anything there is a nagging sense his arrival has had a negative effect on the team's rhythm in the final third. Certainly, they were far more effective on Saturday once Romaine Sawyers had been restored to the fray.

By then they were already two down, courtesy of the controversial penalty and sublime skill from Billy Clarke.

Butler thumped the desk during post-match interviews as he fought the will to comment on Simpson's decision to award the spot-kick, after the ball had bounced off his head, into the ground and then into his arm in the fourth minute.

Villa boss not ready to panic just yet

BOSS Paul Lambert has refused to hit the panic button after Villa suffered last-gasp heartbreak at Newcastle.

Loic Remy struck in injury-time to condemn Villa to a 1-0 defeat at St James' Park on Sunday and intensify their relegation fears.

Villa are four points above the Premier League drop zone in 13th and host Lambert's former club Norwich on Sunday.

Ten points separate the bottom half and Lambert insisted he will remain cool under pressure despite just three wins in 17 games.

"We don't panic. We just try to win the next game," he said.

"It's not really changed my view from a couple of months ago. It is what it is at the minute. The thing for us is we are playing well, we are just not getting the breaks at the minute.

"If you are playing games and getting beaten heavily then that's the type that you have to worry about. I don't have that worry. There are a lot of teams below us. We went through this last year so we know what it's like." And Lambert is hopeful Villa's battle against the drop last season will aid their quest for survival this term.

Smith is backing his boys

DEAN SMITH has backed Walsall to bounce back against Preston after railing against "consistently poor" referee Jeremy Simpson.

The Saddlers boss was frustrated by many of the official's decisions in Saturday's 2-1 home defeat to Crawley Town, which dealt a serious blow to his side's play-off hopes. Smith's most serious complaint surrounded the award of a fourth minute penalty to the visitors, after Simpson adjudged Andy Butler to have handled in the box.

"I asked the referee at half-time, is there a new directive I don't know about, because I was told the wording in the rules is deliberate handball?" said Smith.

"The ball has hit Andy, bounced and hit his arm which is down by his side, which for me is not deliberate handball." The result leaves them five points outside the top six.

Derby ends in loss for Wolves Women squad

Wolves Women 0 Sporting Club Albion 2

WOLVES fell to defeat in the Black Country derby as they played their first league game for nearly three months due to the extreme weather conditions.

Football

The game was played in blustery conditions, with Wolves kicking into the wind in the first half. They coped well with the high ball as Albion looked to take advantage of the extra distance on their long passes over the top of the defence.

Becky Hall made her first league appearance of the season after injury, and had the first attempt of the game with an audacious overhead kick, but couldn't get a good enough connection as Albion breathed a sigh of relief.

Wolves were the better side for most of the first half, but went behind in added time when Robyn James poked in from close range after a cross wasn't cleared.

The second half saw Wolves have the advantage of the wind, but they struggled to make use of it, and found chances hard to come by.

Hall was the first to try her luck for Wolves, but her effort agonisingly hit the top of the net. Laura McQuilkin was the next to shoot from range, but Bec Thomas in the Albion goal did brilliantly to push the ball out for a corner. The resulting corner saw Jordan Timmins-Ray have an effort cleared off the line by an Albion head, as Wolves failed to capitalise on their superior play.

Wolves pushed for an equaliser but were let down by the quality of their final ball time and again.

Eventually Wolves were punished for their lack of cutting edge, as James sealed the game for Albion with two minutes to go, as she thundered an effort past Natalie Hall.

Ultimately, Wolves made two mistakes and Albion took full advantage, as the home side failed to make the most of their opportunities.

Manager Trevor Mullins was disappointed with the outcome. He said: "I'm frustrated that we didn't even get a point fromafter the determination and domination of the game.

"We pressured well but were lacking in the final third."

Wolves: N. Hall, Large, Stanton, Widdal, McQuilkin, Perks (Rimmer), Luke, Quick (Hermon), Timmins-Ray, B. Hall, Selmes (Hewitt). Subs unused: Palin.

Becky Hall who was making her first league appearance for Wolves after coming back from injury

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Keep it cool is Jackett's advice

WOLVES boss Kenny Jackett has warned his players to keep their cool in the face of provocation to avoid derailing their promotion push.

Bakary Sako seemed to be targeted by right-back Alan McCormack in Saturday's 3-0 win at Brentford, while James Henry was booked for a 'handbags' clash with George Saville after reacting to a tackle. "Concentration on your football and not rising to the bait is very important," said head coach Jackett. "I spoke to Sako about it at half-time and said 'just don't get involved or even look at him'.

"I was a defender myself, and if you felt you could upset someone, it was perhaps something you'd consider doing. I played against Ian Rush and you'd kick him, but he'd just get up and jog on, and you'd think 'that isn't working – I'd better try something else'.

"I tell them 'don't engage with them at all' and then it puts doubt into the defender's mind as to whether that's actually working.

"If you do engage and get wound up and he sees you reacting, then perhaps provocation can work." Jackett was unhappy with Henry's reaction and believes the winger risked a sending off. "He didn't need to get booked – you have to trust the referee to do his job and protect you," he said.

Ray back in the dugout

LEGENDARY boss Ray Graydon is set for a shock one-off return to the Walsall dug-out.

The former chief, who twice led the club to promotion, will take charge of a Saddlers Legends team at the Club Legends Cup tournament this summer.

Graydon, affectionately known by fans as "Sir Ray", has agreed to manage a side of 10 former players and five fans. They will take on teams from Midlands rivals Wolves, Villa, Albion and Blues, along with a media team in the tournament on July 12 at Birmingham's LG Arena.

All money raised will go to support the charity Cure Leukaemia.

Former players poised to line-up for the Saddlers include Tony Millard, Mark Taylor, Andy Reece, Brian Palgrave, Tony Barras and Andy Tilson.

Crunch talks are on cards for Albion's boss

Football

PEPE MEL will hold crunch talks with his Albion squad this week after players raised concerns over the Baggies boss' survival tactics.

Mel is fighting to win over Albion's stars as he prepares for a vital 10 days that could make or break the club's top-flight future.

A series of meetings are now planned at the training ground this week involving players and coaches to draw up a new 'battle plan' for the remaining 11 games of the Premier League campaign.

Senior squad members are understood to have raised concerns at Mel's methods as the Spaniard searches for his first win as Hawthorns head coach. And the 50-year-old now faces a crucial week-and-a-half ahead of the Baggies' return to action against Manchester United on March 8, during which he faces a major task to convince sceptical stars he can halt their relegation slide.

The players' worries, which have been confirmed by several sources close to the Albion dressing room, concern Mel's inability to communicate tactics and his style of play.

The former Real Betis coach arrived at The Hawthorns promising a high-pressing approach based on his experiences in Spain but he has already compromised following a meeting with players, who were concerned that the Baggies squad was ill-suited to the new approach.

But worries are reported to hav resurfaced during last week's six-day training camp in Spain.

The Hawthorns hierarchy have now become aware of the players' issues. One source said: "In training, the players are doing things and they don't know whether they are doing them right or wrong. Pepe has Keith Downing there with him and if there's a problem he should be putting across what he wants to Keith, so he can relay that to the players. But that isn't always happening."

His limited English is a source of worry despite the recent arrival of former Betis coach David Gomez, who speaks good English, and the influence of Spanish speaker Dave McDonough, Albion's director of technical performance and scouting, who played a key role in Mel's recruitment and has become a more regular figure on the training ground. Another source said: "The players like Pepe but they are worried that he doesn't have enough experience of the English game."

WOLVES STAMP THEIR AUTHORITY

Brentford 0 Wolves 3

AT Griffin Park the seemingly unstoppable west London club were checked in such conclusive fashion it was difficult to believe at the finish just how testing this fixture had seemed in the days approaching.

Football

Three peachy strikes, picked off at critical moments, answered demands led by their head coach for more clinical finishing.

Individual performances on a beast of a surface moved up a notch, too, ensuring the execution of Jackett's game plan.

Carl Ikeme and his defenders, feeding off the first line of resistance established by Jack Price and Kevin McDonald, claimed another clean sheet. In this run of six successive wins, Sam Baldock's penalty for Bristol City remains the only breach of their lines.

Spirit

Two more goals for Michael Jacobs, a perfect execution on the counter attack followed by an even better one to finally break Brentford's spirit, suggested once again that Wolves did not so much sign him from Derby as commit an act of grand larceny.

James Henry provided the first with an equally cultured clip, at pace and on the half volley, which spoke of the growing dimensions of this reconstituted squad.

For the supporters, the experience is proving as enjoyable as last season's was bitter. Wolves have already won 20 games, six more than they managed in the Championship crash and four more than they celebrated in those last two seasons in the Premier League. The match produced significant moments of quality. The best of them, happily, came from Wolves and clinched the result.

In the thick of Brentford's striving, Wolves claimed the goal that from early on you sensed was within their grasp.

For a moment it seemed Wolves had squandered a critical opening. But after a quick throw, a burst and pull-back from McDonald, Henry arrived at the near post and flipped the ball over David Button.

That gave Wolves the second-half building block they wanted; sit-in and wait for that moment when Brentford would be over-exposed. And sure enough, after 72 minutes Jacobs drilled under Button.

The coup de grace was even better and set up by Golbourne.

The finish Jacobs drilled in from 20 yards was his best yet for Wolves.

Striker Nouha Dicko and David Button clash during Wolves away victory against Brentford

We were fantastic – Henry

JAMES HENRY saysWolves have set the standard for the rest of League One to follow after their superb win at Brentford – as he targeted the title.

Wolves made it six wins in a row with their landmark 3-0 victory at Griffin Park on Saturday, ending the Bees' 19-match unbeaten run.

Their latest success saw Kenny Jackett's side climb back to second place, with only goals scored keeping them below leaders Leyton Orient, who have played two games more.

Henry scored the opener at the weekend – his seventh goal for Wolves – before Michael Jacobs's second successive brace sealed it.

And Henry believes Wolves have put a marker down with their victory in the battle of the League One heavyweights.

"Hopefully – that's what we went there to do, to set the standard," said the former Millwall wideman. We went there wanting to take all three points and we had a game plan and that was to try to get the first goal and then be tight and try to catch them on the break and we did that. We were fantastic ."

Saddlers rematch tickets sell out

WOLVES fans have again showed their commitment to the cause after the club announced their allocation for next month's derby at Walsall is already sold out.

The last of the 3,400 available tickets for the game at the Banks's Stadium on March 8 were snapped up last week. Walsallwon the first league meeting between the sides 1-0.

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